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State budget stalemate over?

Gov. Ed Rendell's change of mind triggers optimism that a deal can be reached soon.

By MARC LEVY
Associated Press Writer

HARRISBURG — Gov. Ed Rendell dramatically changed his stance Thursday toward a bid by top state legislators to end a 2 1/2-month budget impasse, opening the door to an agreement soon.

The move came just hours after he had threatened again to veto their plan.

Rendell would not say what had changed — it wouldn't be productive in securing an agreement, he told reporters in a Thursday night news conference in the Capitol.

But the Democrat's shift in tone was remarkable after he spent nearly a week, including Thursday morning, disparaging legislators' evolving budget proposal as a "phony" plan that lacked political courage and left the state facing a new deficit.

"We're not there yet, but I am cautiously optimistic that, in the next day or two, we have a real chance to close the gap and agree on something that will be beneficial for the citizens of this commonwealth and ... will allow us to have a balanced budget for next year," Rendell said.

Rendell spoke following a private meeting with Senate Republican leaders at his official residence in Harrisburg.

The meeting was cordial but did not bridge a $200 million to $300 million gap between what the sides believe can be collected in the future from the taxes, fees and other revenue sources in the legislators' plan, said Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware.

Resolving those differences will not be easy, Pileggi warned.

"But we're committed to making a diligent effort to do that," he said.

The primary issue dividing Rendell and legislators is how to fill a multibillion-dollar, recession-driven shortfall in tax collections.

Pennsylvania has been without a comprehensive budget since the fiscal year began July 1 and is the last state still fighting over its annual spending plan. Without money flowing from the state treasury, the private organizations and businesses that make up Pennsylvania's social safety net are taking out loans, laying off workers and shuttering services to stay afloat.

Last week, leaders of the House Democrats and of both parties in the Senate unveiled the

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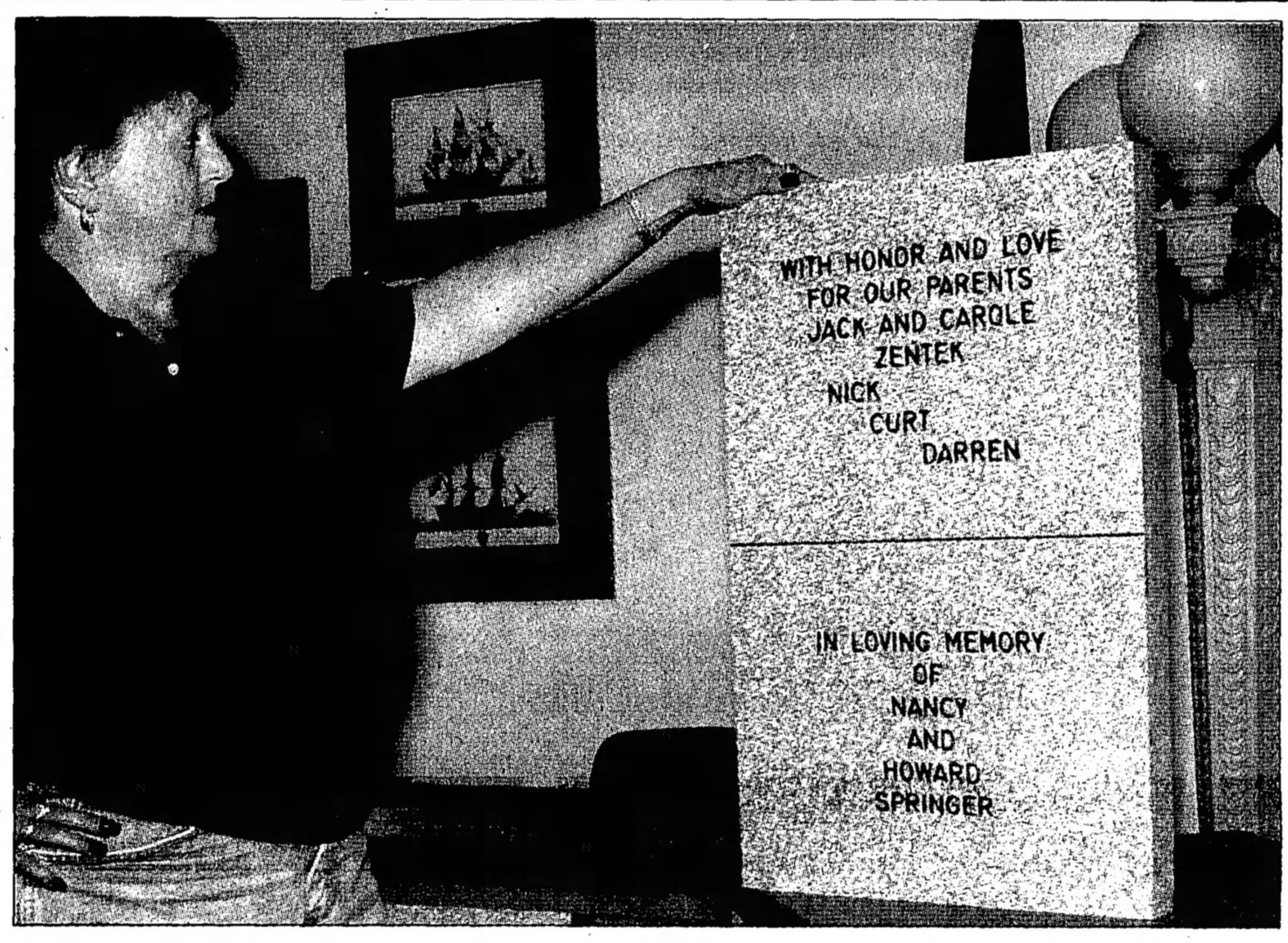

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Monongahela Councilwoman Claudia Williams looks over two of the prototype granite pavers area residents can purchase to be installed at Chess Park in the city. The pavers serve the two-fold purpose of beautifying the park while paying tribute to a person or event.

Monongahela park project serves a two-fold purpose

New pavers will help beautify Chess Park while paying tribute to a person or event.

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MONONGAHELA – While the city has several areas it is proud of, including the aquatorium, its historical section and Mounds Park, Chess Park has often been considered one of its jewels.

Many events have been held at the park and numerous occasions, such as weddings, have been photographed at the park's gazebo.

Councilwoman Claudia Williams is busy doing her share to enhance the park's beauty through a special fundraiser aimed at replacing all of its aging sidewalks.

Prior to joining council, Williams came up with an idea that would allow residents to purchase section of sidewalk while at the same time honoring the memory of individuals of their choice.

For a price, people can purchase a granite memorial paver. Each of the pavers, which are available in various sizes, will allow the purchaser to pay tribute to a person or event in their life.

"Our great city has been home to so many wonderful people and events; this will give us the opportunity to honor them forever," Williams said.

Williams added that the granite pavers are not just for memorializing someone who has passed away.

"It's not a cemetery. They can be used to pay honor to different events or people," she said.

Some of the themes available for people to choose from include the bridal path, serene garden, sports arena, walk of faith, boulevard of honor and family trees.

The bridal path, for example, can be used to commemorate marriages and anniversaries, both new and old.

The sports arena section is designed to pay homage to athletes and sports enthusiasts.

The boulevard of honor can be reserved for anyone who made the greatest impact in one's life, the community or the country.

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Murtha lands $2 million for Washington sewer project

Congressman keeps campaign promise made to Washinton Twp. Supervisor Jamie Miller 7 years ago.

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP - When township resident Jamie Miller met U.S. Rep. John Murtha on the 2002 campaign trail, she asked him to find grant money for a much-needed sewer project.

"He looked me right in the eye and said, 'When Washington Township needs me, I'm going to be there,'" she recalled.

Miller, now a township supervisor, said she and the community are thankful the Johnstown Democrat made good on his promise.

Township officials Wednesday learned that Murtha has secured a $2 million grant through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the $20.8 million sewer project at a most crucial time.

Murtha previously helped provide a $1 million grant for the project from the same source.

"I just put my head down and these tears started to flow, and I don't cry easily," Miller said of hearing about the most recent award. "The man stuck to his word.

"Every one of these residents and his constituents, I hope they write him a letter of thanks."

The municipal authority board delivered the news to the public Thursday at a joint meeting with the township supervisors.

For the past several months, the board has scrambled to find more grant money to lower lofty tap-in fees that the mostly elderly population can't afford.

The tap-in fees originally were estimated at more than $5,000 per homeowner.

On July 14, the Commonwealth Financing Authority approved a $950,000 H_2O PA grant for the project.

The board requested $7.5 million from the U.S. Department of Agriculture program, which will distribute $800 million over 10 years

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Cal U seeking $299M for maglev model

School president says project "will have an enormous local, regional and national impact" on the way people and cargo move through urban areas.

By RICHARD ROBBINS
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Trumpeting its economic potential and hopeful of linking its main campus to student housing and college ball fields, California University of Pennsylvania has asked the federal government for $299 million to build a demonstration magnetic levitation system with federal stimulus money.

"This project will have an enormous local, regional and national impact by fundamentally changing the way people and cargo move through urban areas," said university President Angelo Armenti Jr. in a prepared statement. "The local businesses involved in this project are setting the stage for a new, American-based industry that will create thousands of jobs."

Proposed decades ago, the maglev system at California would serve as a prototype for more densely populated regions of the country. School officials have long touted the Mid-Mon Valley community as a perfect venue to test the reliability of maglev on hilly terrains.

The elevated guideway system would consist of five passenger stations along the 2.5-mile route from downtown California to the college football field and Center in the Woods senior citizen complex east of town.

A 2,500-car parking garage and a maintenance-operations facility, both on the upper campus, are also included in the plan submitted to the Department of Transportation.

Applicants faced a Sept. 15 deadline.

A total of $1.5 billion was made available nationwide by Congress under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program, a part of the $787 billion stimulus bill.

TIGER grants are expected to "promote greater mobility, a cleaner environment and more-livable communities," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said earlier this year.

University officials say with environmental assessments and engineering and municipal approvals in place for the first leg of the project, construction could begin almost immediately. As many as 3,000 jobs could be created.

The system's four 40-foot-long, 70-passenger cars would travel an inch above the guideway. The cars would reach speeds of up to 50 miles an hour and carry an estimated 15,000 passengers a day.

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Don't miss Valley Food, a regular Saturday feature in *The Valley Independent.*

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Budget (FROM PAGE ONE)

original version of their nearly $28 billion plan. Many details about the plan remain under wraps or are being negotiated behind closed doors.

Dealmakers are counting on higher taxes on businesses and cigarettes and more money from expanding legalized gambling and gas exploration in state forests to help balance the recession-ravaged budget.

They also propose tapping more than $1.5 billion in reserves, slashing overall spending by about 1 percent and boosting funding for public schools' operations and instruction by more than 5 percent.

Rendell's earlier proposals to raise taxes on income, the extraction of natural gas and sales of cigars and smokeless tobacco were rejected by legislators.

House Republicans do not support the plan, saying it raises spending too high and relies on tax increases that they oppose.

Rendell also pounced on it, saying its foundation of new revenues was inadequate to get the state through the recession, sustain crucial programs and avoid a major tax increase when federal budget aid disappears and pension costs spike in two years.

In the meantime, some rank-and-file members of the House and Senate are expressing reservations about it.

One House Democrat, Rep. Dan Frankel, of Allegheny County, called for the budget agreement to close "loopholes" that exempt sales of sales of cigars and smokeless tobacco from being taxed — taxes that nearly every other state collects.

Another House Democrat, Rep. Greg Vitali, of Delaware County, said he would vote against the plan because it slashes environmental regulation by nearly 25 percent while allowing an expansion of drilling in state forests to generate more revenue.

"We cannot balance this year's budget at the expense of our environment," Vitali said.

Rendell said Thursday that his staff negotiated a dramatic reduction in the amount of state forest acreage that would be leased for gas drilling under the legislators' plan, although he did not give specifics.

He also said legislators have largely addressed his concerns about how money would be spent under the plan, restoring dollars to learning and health care programs as well as the financial incentives that encourage businesses to expand in or come to Pennsylvania.

Yesteryear

The start of merchandising by counter display in 1931 is shown at the Grant Bliss Hardwood store, Fourth Street and Fallowfield Avenue, Charleroi. The display was conceived by Michael Mudrick. The photo was submitted by Goldie Mudrick, his sister-in-law.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

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Pavers (FROM PAGE ONE)

When it comes to family trees, Williams said, people can go back as far as they want with their lineage to forever pay tribute to their clan.

Several examples of the pavers have been on display recently in council chambers at the municipal building.

Williams said the samples soon will be placed in the park so people can view them and get ideas for their own pavers.

"I've gotten a great response from the community for the project and, once we get the samples in the park, I expect this to really take off," Williams said.

Williams said that to date, a few pavers have been purchased and some residents have been making payments on others they have ordered.

"We don't have enough (sold) yet to start putting them down, but I took this on as a long-term project," Williams said.

"My goal is to replace all of the sidewalk in the park and to have it done by the city's 250th anniversary in 2019."

The cost of a paver varies from $110 for a block four inches by 18 inches to as high as $600 for a section 18 inches by 28 inches.

"It's such a great way to help beautify the park, as well as permanently leave an honor for all to see," said Williams.

Between the memorial pavers will be otehrs containing informational items about Monongahela's storied history, she said.

Anyone interested in finding out more information about the pavers or wanting to place an order is asked to contact Williams at (724) 258-5905.

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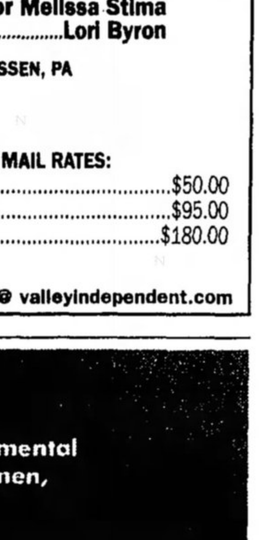

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for water projects.

The H20 PA money helped lower the tentative tap-in fee to $4,800 per customer.

In July, the authority board members said they would seek a 40-year low-interest loan from the Rural Utilities Service, a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The board originally planned to borrow up to $7 million to lower the tap-in fees and increase monthly service rates in exchange.

Board Chairwoman Dee Fisher said, because of the $2 million grant, the projected tap-in fee will be $625.

The board now plans to borrow about $5 million from RUS at a 2.6 percent interest rate.

Monthly rates are now estimated at $61, Fisher said.

Fisher said Murtha came through for the township at "the 11th hour."

The state Department of Environmental Protection and the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority - which is providing a $1.2 million grant and a low-interest 30-year, $9.8 million loan for the project - recently warned authority officials that the township would soon face penalties if the project did not begin.

"DEP said they're tired of fooling around with us and we don't have a choice," Fisher said. "If we didn't move now, they weren't going to be kind with us.

"PennVEST has been holding our money for about two years, so we had to move. It was to the point that I got a very good impression that we better do it or we're going to be in court."

Fisher said she did not expect a $2 million grant.

"I knew for a week or so that we were going to get some money, and I was praying for a million," she said.

Miller agreed that the time to start the project had run out.

"It's been on the books since 1957 to have it," she said of the project. "DEP said, 'You've got to do it. Do or die.' But, they were very congenial.

"The community really came to the forefront on this one. They sent their letters to Congressman Murtha asking for help and they made phone calls. This was a community effort on this one.

"No one person can take the credit for this."

Except, possibly, Murtha.

And the veteran congressman said he was happy to land the grant.

"Infrastructure projects like this are essential to the health and welfare of our region, which is why I'm proud to support the Washington Township sewer project," he said.

"This project will help to clean-up our environment by replacing current malfunctioning systems and will be a key to attracting future residents and economic growth."

The funding Murtha provided comes from the Army Corps Section 313 grant program, which he helped create to authorize federal assistance to local communities for the design and construction of water-related infrastructure, resource and protection projects.

Fisher said construction is scheduled to begin in December.

The project should take 12 to 18 months to complete, she said.

Contractors hired in January to do the work agreed not to raise their prices.

That agreements ended this week, but Fisher said another round of extension requests have gone out.

"Letters went out Sept. 11," she said. "Since they see now we're going to move on the project, they'll probably be okay with that.

"I do know that the price of pipe has gone up since some of these contractors have bid it.

"That could raise the cost of this project about a quarter million dollars."

The supervisors have set aside $214,000 in Community Development Block Grant money in the past two years that will assist low-income families with tap-in fees.

The authority is seeking a $500,000 competitive grant from the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority for the same purpose.

Fisher said the U.S. Department of Agriculture is also offering tap-in fee assistance for low-income families.

"I'm pushing for more money so we can push the debt service down," Fisher said.

Fisher said township officials are searching for ways to help customers afford paying to have connecting lines installed from their homes to the system.

Fisher said tap-in fee bills will be mailed in March.

"We can't wait 'til the last minute," she said. "We need money to start paying these contractors."

Payment plans will be available at the township office, she said.

Fisher said information about assistance programs will be sent to customers with their bills.

She extended her gratitude to Murtha on behalf of the township.

"We are ecstatic," she said. "We really thank him from the bottom of our hearts. He promised a long time ago he would help us as soon as he could and he really came through.

"I just thank him forever.," she addde. "My heart's relieved."

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

This sign outside the Washington Township Municipal Building along Route 201 thanks U.S. Rep. John Murtha for landing a $2 million federal grant to help finance the township's $20.8 million sewer project. The Johnstown Democrat previously helped get a $1 million federal grant for the state-mandated work.

Valley briefs

Monessen seeking volunteer help

Monessen residents are needed to fill several positions on various boards and authorities in the borough.

Mayor Anthony Petaccia said residents interested in serving on a board or authority should send letters of interest to him.

Council is accepting applications for the following boards: Zoning Board of Appeals (four seats); police civil service (one seat); Mon Valley Sewage Authority (one seat); Planning Commission (two seats); Mon Valley Refuse Authority (one seat); Vacant Property Review board (three seats); Regional Enterprise Zone (one seat); redevelopment authority (one seat); and civic recreation board (three seats).

Quit-smoking help available to vets

Area veterans who want to quit smoking can enroll in the Free & Clear: Quit for Life program through the local Department of Veterans Affairs health care provider, the VA announced Thursday.

The Seattle-based private program combines telephone counseling and medication. The VA's regional office, VISN 4, has contracted with the private company to provide the program to veterans and VA employees.

VISN 4 oversees the VA health care facilities in 104 counties in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Delaware, New Jersey and New York.

An individual's chances of quitting smoking increase with either counseling or medication, and the combination further improves those chances, the agency says.

More information about the program is available online at www.freeclear.com/quit-for-life/.

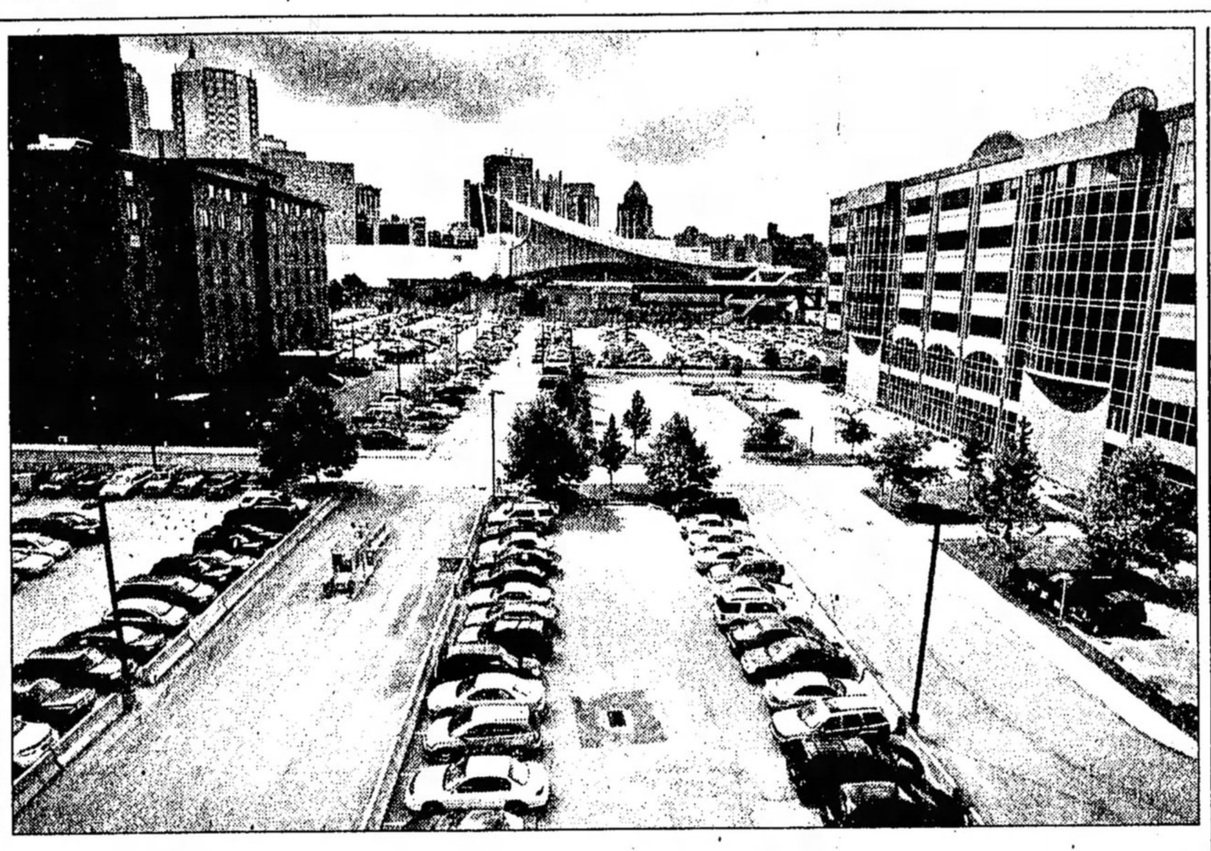
Rendell among *Esquire's* '75 best'

Sandwiched between a supermodel-turned-reality show host and a smart-aleck political commentator, Gov. Ed Rendell this week found himself listed among "The 75 Best People in the World," as determined by *Esquire* magazine.

"I always thought *Esquire* magazine had terrific judgment," Rendell said through a spokesman after learning he landed at No. 39, right after Heidi Klum of "Project Runway" but before Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert. Heading the list is actor Matt Damon, followed by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and singer Beyonce Knowles.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Bart Simpson's animated sister Lisa and Sacha Baron Cohen — aka Borat — preceded Rendell.

Among those following the Democratic governor are conservative pundit Pat Buchanan, former President Bill Clinton and Knowles' other half, rapper Jay-Z. Rendell beat out Britain's Queen Elizabeth II but not her son, Prince Charles. The full list is available in the issue released Tuesday and the magazine's Web site.



Associated Press

Pittsburgh's David L. Lawrence Convention Center, where the Group of 20 global economic summit will be held next Thursday and Friday, is visable from this parking lot, which is being leased by the city as the only sanctioned area within sight of the convention center for protestors to gather.

Some businesses near protest camp to close

Fears of property damage and traffic congestion related to G-20 summit trigger decision.

By The Associated Press

Barely a block from a parking lot where Pittsburgh will house protesters of the Group of 20 summit is one of the city's most eclectic neighborhoods — a strip of mom-and-pop, homegrown grocery stores, restaurants and businesses that exemplify the kind of world the protesters say they want.

However, fears of violent clashes, property damage or simply a traffic nightmare are forcing some businesses in the city's Strip District to close during the two-day summit — possibly even board up their windows — and miss what they say could potentially be a booming sales opportunity.

"We're a small mom-and-pop business and I'd rather lose business for two days than risk getting caught in something that could get violent," said Lisa Karsenic, owner of Two Louie's Market, a small deli and grocery store less than a block from the parking lot where protesters will gather.

The parking lot being leased by the city is the only area sanctioned for protesters that is within sight of the convention center where nearly two dozen world leaders will meet Sept. 24 and Sept. 25 to discuss the global economic crisis.

So while protests, marches and demonstrations could spread to all corners of the city, including to a riverfront state park where a federal judge on Thursday approved a protester tent city designed to reflect refugee camps caused by wars, most of the action will likely take place in and around the Strip District.

Thousands of people are expected to flock to Pittsburgh to protest everything from globalization, policies they view to be harmful to the environment, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and even mega-corporations, the types of businesses conspicuously absent in the Strip District.

The neighborhood is a microcosm of a what the world should look like, said Melissa Minnich, a spokeswoman for the Thomas Merton Center, a Pittsburgh activist group that cites peace and social justice as its agenda and plans to demonstrate during the G-20 summit.

The Strip District is "a very good thing, local independent business owners and not being made of big box stores" means the profits go back into the community, Minnich said, adding that the neighborhood is an example of what "go-local" campaigns around the world are aiming for.

Most Pittsburghers are familiar — and even proud — of the Strip's authentic flavor, an organic atmosphere that is a unique mix of gritty and gourmet.

It's the people coming from outside that concern Becky Rodgers, executive director of Neighbors in the Strip, and many other locals.

Some protester Web sites are mistakenly describing the neighborhood as a red light district or an example of urban decay, and Cindy Helffrich, spokeswoman for Neighbors in the Strip, has been busy commenting on such blogs in hopes of correcting the image before protesters flock to the area.

"They keep saying 95 percent of the protesters are peaceful," Rodgers said. "I know this. It's the outside protesters that make me nervous, the ones that damage property."

Crystal Joseph, owner of Crystal, a Lebanese-American restaurant and bar, is closing because she is concerned about the safety of her employees — who are her relatives — and is unsure whether they will even be able to get to work since the city is imposing an almost complete vehicle restriction downtown during the summit.

Joseph is leaning toward boarding up the window at the front of her shop, even though it makes the city look unattractive during an event it's hoping to use to showcase its transformation from a smoky steel town to a modern urban center.

Then there are the rumors: shop windows have already been broken; human feces has been left at different establishments; dispersing the crowd in the evening from the parking lot will lead to clashes; protesters have nowhere to go out at night so they will cause trouble.

Though all unconfirmed, some people based their decisions of how to operate during the summit on these rumors.

In some cases, the lack of information is making people nervous.

"We're just unsure of what will happen next week. It's just the unknown," said Amy Rosenfield, owner of Mon Aimee Chocolat.

Prison guard charged with beating an inmate

Fayette prison aide also reportedly called prisoner "a snitch" in front of other inmates.

By LIZ ZEMBA
For The Valley Independent
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A Fayette County Prison guard is accused of beating an inmate and repeatedly referring to the man as a "snitch" in front of other prisoners.

Joseph George Yeagley, 34, of 21 Lemon St., Uniontown, is charged by state police with simple assault, harassment and official oppression.

In a criminal complaint, police allege Yeagley earlier this month punched Timothy Michael Reckner on his arms and back while Reckner was an inmate at the prison.

In addition, police allege Yeagley repeatedly called Reckner a "snitch" and a "Nancy Vernon snitch" in front of other inmates.

Nancy Vernon is the county's district attorney.

Police investigated after Reckner's mother, who is identified in the affidavit as Joanee Reckner, called them to report the alleged assault.

Timothy Reckner told troopers he was serving as a prison trustee when Yeagley "started punching and pushing him, and twisting his arms."

He said Yeagley called him a snitch and commented on "how he is snitching on inmates."

The inmate reportedly asked to see a nurse after an alleged attack between 9:30 and 10 p.m. Sept. 6.

The nurse, Sherill Sabatula, told troopers she was distributing medications at the time and when she was finished, it was too late to call Reckner to her office, according to the affidavit.

Another corrections officer, Bruce McCombie, 32, told troopers he saw Yeagley attack Reckner.

McCombie reportedly told troopers he had slapped Reckner in the past, as well, but he said he "has known (Reckner) since high school and they 'joke around.'"

No charges have been filed against McCombie.

Warden Larry Medlock said that as a result of the charges, two corrections officers have been suspended from their duties with pay.

Medlock declined to identify the officers, but said an investigation is under way.

Yeagley is to be notified by mail of the charges against him, which are filed at the vacant office of former Uniontown District Judge Mark Blair.

Unemployment rate hits a 25 year-high

Pennsylvania employers continued to slash jobs last month, as the state's unemployment rate hit its highest mark in nearly 25 years.

The state Department of Labor and Industry estimated Thursday that Pennsylvania employers shed 8,800 nonfarm jobs in August.

Since the recession began in December 2007, Pennsylvania has lost more than 190,000 jobs, or about one in 30.

Meanwhile, the state's unemployment rate crept up one-tenth of a percentage point to 8.6 percent. That's the highest mark since December of 1984.

With payrolls shrinking, the state now has fewer than 5.62 million seasonably adjusted nonfarm jobs, the fewest since February of 2004.

At the same time, the department revised the July job loss numbers it reported last month and said that employment numbers actually had remained stable in the month.

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RECORDS

DEATH NOTICES

BONITATI - Rebecca, 90, of Charleroi, on Thursday, Sept. 17. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.

CHURAN — Ann Churan, 93, of Monessen, on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Robert A. Billick Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

CROW — Alice June Crow, of Charleroi, on Thursday, Sept. 17. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.

DEITZ — Eleanor G. Deitz, 100, of Charleroi, on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

INDOF — Donald J. Indof, 60, of Rostraver, on Wednesday, Sept. 16. James C. Stump Funeral Home Inc., Sweeney Plan/Rostraver Township.*

MEYER - Margaret, 91, of Monessen, on Friday, SEpt. 18. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

WASKY — Elizabeth A. Wasky, of Whitehal, formerly of Conemaugh, on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Laughlin Funeral Directors, Castle Shannon.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
BONITATI, Rebecca*
COUGHANOUR, Ralph L.*
KERESTES, Irene W.*
NASAL, Evelyn B.*
PETRUCCI, Josephine V.*

*** See death notice**

Ann Churan
Monessen

Ann Churan, 93, of Monessen, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, in Mt. Saint Macrina Manor, Uniontown. Born in Donora on May 14, 1916, she was the daughter of the late George and Mary Buchak. She was a member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Churan, four brothers, Conrad, John, Thomas and Albert Buchak; and four sisters, Jay Buchak, Eileen Smith, Helen Moffet and Mary Chambers. She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Georgetta Churan, of Salem, S.C., and Robert and Anita Churan, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; four grand-children, John Scott and his wife, Patty, of Westerville, Ohio, Kristen Churan, of Greenville S.C., Bret and his wife, Leslie, of Phoenix, Ariz. and Tanya Churan, of Scottsdale, Ariz.; four great-grandchildren, Mary Caroline, John Connor, Hannah Rose, and Kaela Alyn Churan; and one brother, George Buchak, of Cleveland, Ohio. Friends will be received on Monday from 2 until 4 and 7 until 9 p.m. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Blvd. and Marion Ave., Monessen (724) 684-3700. Panachida Services will be held on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home, followed by 10 a.m. funeral services in St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Monessen, with the Rev. James Ragan officiating. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. A parish rosary will be recited Monday at 2 p.m. and Parastas Services will be held at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mt. St. Macrina.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Ralph L. Coughanour
Rostraver Township

Ralph L. Coughanour, 93, of Rostraver Township, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, in Westmoreland Manor, Greensburg. Born Sept. 25, 1915, in Jacobs Creek, he was the son of the late Clarence and Edith (Bates) Coughanour. Ralph was a plaster contractor for many years and retired from Consol Coal as a surveyor. He was a member of Fells United Methodist Church and the Methodist Men's Group. Ralph was a leader in the Boy Scouts of America, was an avid horseshoe pitcher and loved woodworking. He is survived by his two sons and three daughters-in-law, Donald E. and Jane Coughanour, of West Newton, William R. "Bud" and Mary Ann Coughanour, of Perryopolis, and Janice Hunt Coughanour, of Post Falls, Idaho; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and a brother and two sisters-in-law, S. Dwight and Roxie Coughanour, of Irwin, and Jenny Coughanour, of Scottdale. In addition to his parents, Ralph was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Zelma M. Coughanour, Dec. 8, 2005; a son, Richard Coughanour; one brother, Clyde Coughanour; and two sisters, Erma Gath and Lucille Palmer. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township, 724-929-7934, www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com, where a funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday with the Rev. Scott Berkley officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Eleanor G. Deitz
Charleroi

Eleanor G. Deitz, 100, of Charleroi, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born Aug. 12, 1909, in Industry, Pa., a daughter of the late Reuben and Ellen Boylan Fear. Mrs. Deitz was a member of the First Christian Church, the Amicus Class Golden Agers, AARP and the Senior Citizens, all of Charleroi. Surviving are her daughter, Nancy A. Hughes of Speers Hill; three grandchildren Pamela Elliott, Scott Hughes and Beth Anne Hughes; two great-granddaughters, Mindy Hotz and her husband and Amanda Conde; three great-great granddaughters, Paige and Zoie Hotz and Adrian Heisler. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Deitz is preceded in death by her husband Clarence W. Deitz; eight brothers: Charles, Allen, Earl, Clyde, Russell, Dalton Edward, Reuben Fear; and one sister, Edna Clark. The funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at 1p.m, at the First Christian Church, Walnut Ridge Road, Fallowfield Township, Charleroi. There will be no visitation at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Monongahela Cemetery. The SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES, INC., is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences for the family are being accepted at www.schrock-hogan.com.

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Donald J. Indof
Rostraver Township

Donald J. Indof, 60, of Rostraver Township, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009. Born Dec. 24, 1948, in Mt. Pleasant, he was the son of the late Henry Indof Sr. and Mary Ann (Petrosky) Indof. Donald worked for Arsenal Metal (the former Koppers Company) in Monessen and had also worked in the coal mines in Banning, Newfield and Bethlehem. He was a member of the former St. Timothy's Roman Catholic Church, in Smithton, and served on the Rostraver Township Democratic Committee for the Concord District. Donnie was an avid hunter, loved gardening and liked to golf with his son. He was a great fan of both the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Pittsburgh Penguins. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sandra (Sheary) Indof; son and daughter-in-law, Michael A. and Shannon Indof; daughter and son-in-law; Maryanne and Scott Wassil; three grandchildren, Aaron and Sarah Indof and Jakob Wassil; sister, Amy Arrigo; brother and two sisters-in-law, Thomas and Lynette Indof and Camille Indof, all of Rostraver Township; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Henry Indof Jr. and Frank Indof; and a sister-in-law, Susan Nagy Indof. Friends will be received from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday and until 9:30 a.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township, 724-929-7934, www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in Church of St. Anne, in Rostraver Township, with the Rev. Ronald L. Simboli presiding. Interment will follow in West Newton Cemetery.

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Irene W. Kerestes
Monessen

Irene W. Kerestes, 88, of Monessen, died on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, in Westmoreland Manor Greensburg. Born in Ellwood City on April 15, 1921, she was a daughter of the late Michael and Josephine Domack Sokol. She was employed by the Busy Beaver Co. and the Pa. State Police Belle Vernon Barracks. She was a member of the Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church, the Vernon Bell Ladies Club, Gypsy Belle Gadabouts of the Red Hat Society, Saturday Night Golf Club and the Wednesday Night Bunco Club. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Kerestes; a son, Michael Kerestes; and a brother, Carl Sokol. She is survived by three sons and two daughters-in-law: John and Rudelle Kerestes of Harrisburg, Joseph Kerestes of Monessen and David and Patricia of Elizabeth Township; two granddaughters, Christine and Jennifer Kerestes; one sister, Wanda Kohan of Fallowfield Township; and one daughter-in-law, Connie Kerestes Patterson and her husband Tom of Greensburg; and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends will be received on Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the ROBERT A. BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC., Grand Boulevard and Marion Avenue, Monessen, (724) 684-3700. A blessing service will be held on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in the Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Holy Name Cemetery, Monessen.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Margaret Meyer
Monessen

Margaret Meyer, 91, of Monessen, died today Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. Arrangements are being handled by the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC. 1209 Grand Blvd. Monessen. A complete obituary will be published in tomorrow's edition of the Valley Independent.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Evelyn B. "Evie" Nasal
Monessen

Evelyn B. "Evie" Nasal, of Monessen, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, in Mon Valley Hospital. Born in Donora, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Blanche (Roe) Binley. Evie was a member of Pricedale Union Church and the Climbers Class and had formerly served as choir director and Sunday school teacher. She was also a former member of the Fayette City Golden Agers. She is survived by her daughter, Gail Reese of Rostraver Township; granddaughter, Tara Magruda of Rostraver Township; granddaughter-in-law; Lorraine Reese of Columbus, Ohio; and three great-grandchildren, Rosanne Reese, Dustin Reese and Ashley Magruda; a sister, Norma Moats of Florida and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her two husbands, Morgan Brubaker and Edward J. Nasal, who died on Oct. 3, 1996; and a grandson, Douglas Reese. Friends will be received on Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934) www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com where a funeral service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. D. W. Norton officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Josephine V. Petrucci
Fallowfield Township

Josephine V. Petrucci, 88, of Fallowfield Township, died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, in Nevaeh Cove Personal Care Home. She was born Jan. 6, 1921, in Dorsino, Italy, a daughter of the late Joseph and Costantina Reggotti Appoloni. She was a member of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish of Charleroi. Surviving are two sons, Ronald Petrucci of Blairsville and Jeffrey (Melanie) Petrucci of Fallowfield Township; three granddaughters, Jocelyn (Gary) Hill, Jaimyn (Jeremy) Taylor and Jordan Petrucci; and three great-grandchildren, Jadyn and Cooper Hill and Bria Taylor; one sister, Isabelle Evans of Greensburg; one niece, Sally Kenyon; and one nephew, Robert Nandor. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ateo (Babe) Petrucci. Friends will be received at the CARL J. SPALLINO FUNERAL HOME, 819 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday at 10 a.m. in Mary, Mother of the Church with the Rev. Bernard Costello officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. The family would like to thank Kathy Braddock and staff at Nevaeh Cove and the nurses of Medi Hospice for their loving care.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Elizabeth A. Wasky
Whitehall
Formerly of Conemaugh

Elizabeth A. Wasky, of Whitehall, formerly of Conemaugh, on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009. Wife of the late Stanley John Wasky; beloved mother of Lorraine Wasky, Cynthia Helinski (the late Michael) and Jennifer Cary (Christopher); grandmother of Steven, Kevin, Daniel, Madelyn and Grace; sister of Florence Karkosky and Helen Pingatore (Rudolph); sister-in-law of Helen Ornot (Carl). Friends will be received in the LAUGHLIN MEMORIAL CHAPEL INC., 1008 Castle Shannon Sunday 2-4 and 6-8 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Anne Church. Interment St. Ann Cemetery. (www.laughlinfuneralhome.com).

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Bill alive to name Kennedy successor

Legislature would allow Gov. Deval Patrick to appoint replacement.

BOSTON (AP) — A bill allowing Gov. Deval Patrick to name an interim appointment to the Senate seat left vacant by the death of Edward Kennedy is headed to the Massachusetts Senate, where its fate is uncertain.

The House of Representatives voted 95-58 in favor of the bill late Thursday.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo, a Democrat, said the change is needed to ensure Massachusetts continues to be represented by two senators until voters can choose a replacement during a Jan. 19 special election.

"I just want to make sure that Massachusetts has a say ... that Massachusetts has their voice heard on health care, on the environment, on clean energy," DeLeo said.

Patrick, a Democrat and ally of President Barack Obama, also supports the change.

The House's 16 Republicans opposed the measure.

The bill was immediately moved to the Senate, and leaders called for a formal session at noon Friday. Senate President Therese Murray, a Democrat, has been tightlipped about the bill's chances in that chamber.

Senate Republican leader Richard Tisei has vowed to ask that the matter be postponed. Under Senate rules, that could delay any debate and vote until next week.

They point out that Democrats changed the succession law in 2004 to create a special election and block then-Gov. Mitt Romney, a Republican, from naming a temporary replacement if Sen. John Kerry had won his presidential bid.

To change the law now that there is a Democrat in the governor's office smacks of hypocrisy, they said.

"When Senator Kennedy passed away we started (with) the law that was on the books and we shouldn't be changing the law midstream," said House Republican leader Rep. Bradley H. Jones Jr. "Everything else is ancillary and extraneous to that."

Kennedy died of brain cancer on Aug. 25.

Rep. Michael Moran, House chairman of the Committee on Election Laws, said lawmakers shouldn't be handcuffed by past votes if they are not in the best interest of the state.

"I ask you to focus on the needs of Massachusetts not in 2004, but in 2009," the Boston Democrat said.

Other Democratic lawmakers conceded a political motive in the vote, saying they wanted to protect Kennedy's legacy, including his signature issue of expanded health care.

"Some people say it's political. Of course it's political," said Rep. Cory Atkins, a Concord Democrat and Kennedy supporter.

The bill initially would have required the appointee be from the same party as the person who created the vacancy, a Democrat in the case of Kennedy's successor.

That requirement was stripped after critics raised constitutional concerns and noted that more than half of voters in Massachusetts aren't enrolled in any party and would be barred from consideration.

Kennedy, in a letter sent to lawmakers before his death, urged the change in law saying "it is vital for this Commonwealth to have two voices speaking for the needs of its citizens."

The debate is being followed closely in Washington, where Democrats hope to regain a 60-vote, filibuster-proof margin in the U.S. Senate ahead of any debate on President Obama's health care overhaul.

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Massachusetts' all-Democratic delegation to the U.S. House also back the change, saying they need all the votes they can to support the health care change.

DISTRICT COURT

Mark Wilson

The following cases were held before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson of Monongahela this week:

■ Jeremiah Bartolozzi, 35, of 27 Hiview Lane, Finleyville, was charged with public drunkenness July 31 by Carroll Township police. He was found guilty.

■ Kenneth Pierce, 49, of 202 Meldon Ave., Apt. 2, Donora, was charged with harassment Aug. 3 by Donora police. He was found guilty.

■ Jennifer Myers, 25, of 74 Castner Ave., Donora, was charged with disorderly conduct Aug. 17 by Donora police. She was found guilty.

■ Philip Lowther, 42, of 209 Fifth St., Apt. 7, Donora, was charged with harassment Aug. 22 by Donora police. He was found not guilty because the victim failed to show.

■ David McKee, of 104 Eighth St., Monongahela, was charged with seven violations of dog laws Aug. 6 and Aug. 17 by the city's animal control officer. He was found guilty.

■ Terri Sloboda, of 257 Thompson Ave., Donora, was charged with several violations of dog laws April 20 and Aug. 13 by the borough's animal control officer. She was found guilty of confinement of dogs and not guilty of not having a dog license.

■ Leah Lloyd, 37, of 508 Fourteenth St. Extension, Donora, was charged with hindering apprehension July 2 by Donora police. The case was held for court.

POLICE LOG

California

■ Shawn Butler, 18, of Greensburg, was cited for underage drinking following an incident that occurred 11:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at 11:30 p.m. at Vulcan Village.

■ John C. Tarnik Jr., 24, of Washington, was cited for public drunkenness after allegedly appearing in a public place while intoxicated to a degree that he was in danger to himself. This occurred 2:54 a.m. Sept. 5.

■ Travis Lee Watson, 20, of Clarksville, was charged with disorderly conduct for allegedly trying to get into J Coles and being under 21 years old 12:39 a.m. Sunday.

Carroll Township

■ Police are investigating the theft of a red Yard Machine riding lawnmower from 91 Crestline Ave., Craven Plan, which was reported Tuesday. Police said that the mower was apparently pushed through several yards. Anyone with information is asked to contact the police department at (724) 483-5556.

■ Thomas McGee, 30, of 308 Lenawee Ave., Monessen, was charged with harassment 5:45 p.m. Sept. 7 as a result of an incident that took place in the parking lot at Giant Eagle.

■ Terry Foster, 55, of 424 Oakland Ave., Charleroi, was charged with DUI 3 a.m. Aug. 15 on State Route 88.

Washington Township

■ Cydney Jean Igoe, 21, of 325 Spiker Ave., Belle Vernon, was charged with theft and receiving stolen property Sunday. Charges were filed at the office of Magisterial District Judge Jesse Cramer, of Belle Vernon.

NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER 18

Today is Friday, Sept. 18, the 261st day of 2009. There are 104 days left in the year. The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight

On Sept. 18, 1709 (New Style date), author, critic, lexicographer and wit Samuel Johnson was born in Lichfield, Staffordshire, England.

On this date:

■ In 1759, the French formally surrendered Quebec to the British.

■ In 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

■ In 1850, Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which created a force of federal commissioners charged with returning escaped slaves to their owners.

■ In 1927, the Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) made its on-air debut with a basic network of 16 radio stations.

■ In 1947, the National Security Act, which created a National Military Establishment, went into effect.

■ In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev continued his visit to New York with visits to Wall Street, the Empire State Building and the grave of President Franklin D. Roosevelt; in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly, Khrushchev called on all countries to disarm.

■ In 1961, United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold was killed in a plane crash in northern Rhodesia.

■ In 1970, rock star Jimi Hendrix died in London at age 27.

■ In 1975, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

■ **Ten years ago:** Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs became the first player in major league baseball history to reach 60 homers twice.

■ **Five years ago**: A divided U.N. Security Council approved a resolution threatening oil sanctions against Sudan unless the government reined in Arab militias blamed for a killing rampage in Darfur.

■ **One year ago:** President George W. Bush told the country his administration was working feverishly to calm turmoil in the financial markets.

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Singer Jimmie Rodgers is 76. Actor Robert Blake is 76. Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, is 76. Actor Fred Willard is 70. Singer Frankie Avalon is 69. Rock musician Kerry Livgren is 60. Actress Anna Deavere Smith is 59. Louisville basketball coach Rick Pitino is 57. College Football Hall of Famer and retired NFL player Billy Sims is 54. Movie director Mark Romanek is 50. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Ryne Sandberg is 50. Actor James Gandolfini is 48. Alt-country-rock musician Mark Olson is 48. Singer Joanne Catherall (Human League) is 47. Actress Holly Robinson Peete is 45. R&B singer Ricky Bell (Bell Biv Devoe and New Edition) is 42. Cycling champion Lance Armstrong is 38. Opera singer Anna Netrebko is 38. Actress Jada Pinkett Smith is 38. Actor James Marsden is 36. Actor Travis Schuldt ("Scrubs") is 35. Rapper Xzibit is 35. Comedian-actor Jason Sudeikis ("Saturday Night Live") is 34. Actress Sophina Brown is 33. Actress Alison Lohman is 30. Actors Brandon and Taylor Porter are 16. Actor C.J. Sanders ("Ray") is 13.

Associated Press

Sen. Max Baucus, the Montana Democrat who chairs the Senate Finance Committee, rides an escalator on his way to the Capitol for a meeting with Democrats to discuss health care legislation Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Congress set for more debate involving health care overhaul

Senators are lined up to make contentious changes to a sweeping plan that's finally on the table.

By ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — With a sweeping health care overhaul proposal finally on the table, senators who've been waiting months to see the bill are lined up to offer a bevy of contentious changes. One senator said the bill "needs more than just a few tweaks."

Some Democrats see plenty of room for improvement in the bill from Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont. And then there are Republicans, who almost uniformly oppose the measure and may be loathe to hand President Barack Obama a victory on his biggest domestic priority, legislation to rein in skyrocketing health care costs and extend coverage to many of the 50 million uninsured.

After months when health care negotiations in the Senate were confined largely to Baucus meeting privately with five other Finance Committee senators to try to craft a bipartisan deal — ultimately without success — the dynamic was noticeably altered Thursday, a day after Baucus produced his long-awaited bill.

Many more senators were in the mix, and many of them had something to say.

"I can find a handful of things that trouble me," said the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, Dick Durbin of Illinois. He cited a new tax on high-value insurance plans that he and other Democrats fear could hit middle-class workers.

The Baucus plan "needs more than just a few tweaks," said Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., a member of the Finance Committee, saying she wanted stronger measures to control health care costs over the long term.

"Put it in perspective," Durbin added. "For months, the debate over health care in the Senate consisted of six people sitting in a room. Now it's been expanded.

"So we have a lot of people who need to become informed, express themselves, ask for changes if they can," Durbin said.

That was happening in earnest Thursday as Baucus convened a full committee meeting on his bill. Senate Democrats met later, and Republicans from the Finance Committee gathered with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., to go over strategy for next week, when Baucus will bring his bill up in committee for amendments — there will be many — and votes.

Democratic concerns focused on the new tax on generous insurance plans and on whether subsidies to help lower-income people buy newly required insurance are ample enough. Liberals also continued to question the absence from Baucus' proposal of a government-run insurance plan to compete with private industry. That's a feature of five other health bills in Congress but Baucus omitted it as one of numerous gestures meant to win support from Republicans and moderate Democrats.

Baucus included nonprofit cooperatives instead.

Dems rip tax on insurance plans

Some fear proposed new levy would reach deep into middle-class pocketbooks.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Unhappy Senate Democrats on Thursday found plenty to complain about in the fine print of the latest health overhaul bill, particularly a tax provision they fear would hit hard at middle-class Americans, from coal miners in West Virginia to firefighters in New York.

The opposition sprang up a day after Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., unveiled long-delayed legislation that would transform the nation's health care system, requiring almost everyone to buy insurance, making insurance companies cover people with pre-existing medical conditions and reining in spiraling health care costs.

The bill has given fresh momentum to President Barack Obama's top domestic priority of extending health coverage and controlling costs.

To pay for the 10-year, $856 billion bill Baucus wants to tax high-value insurance plans, those worth $21,000 for a family and $8,000 for an individual.

Baucus says those are "Cadillac plans" enjoyed by a small minority of Americans.

Aides said about 10 percent of plans and 8 percent of taxpayers could be affected.

But other Democratic senators fear that the tax would reach deep into middle-class pocketbooks, and labor unions are upset. Two Democrats on the Finance Committee, Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts and Jay Rockefeller of West Virginia, along with other senators, say they want to limit the tax before signing off on the bill.

"We need to make it fairer to working people so that working folks don't get dragged into this at a level where they just don't have the incomes to support it," Kerry told reporters after a closed-door committee meeting to discuss the bill. The panel will begin voting on the bill Tuesday.

THE WORLD BRIEFLY

New defense plan a sweeping change

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is not abandoning missile defense in Europe, but it is junking the previous administration's view of the missile threat posed by Iran and what that means for Europe.

The old idea was that Iran was focused on building long-range ballistic missiles capable of hitting Europe and the U.S., although it so far has none in its arsenal. So the defense plan inherited by President Barack Obama was based on interceptors and radar primed to shoot down a long-range missile.

The new view is that Iran has made slower progress on long-range missiles than previously estimated and is going faster on missiles of shorter range — the types that mainly threaten Europe and parts of Asia.

So Obama has torn up the old defense plan and replaced it with one the Pentagon says will be more effective.

It's a gamble, but so was the Bush approach.

Pentagon chief Robert Gates offered sound technical reasons Thursday for Obama's decision to scrap his predecessor's approach, which was unfolding slowly and causing diplomatic headaches for Washington.

If the assertions laid out by Gates prove correct — if, in particular, Iran is not developing a long-range missile as quickly as previously assumed — then the revised missile defense system in Europe makes military sense. Gates says it could be adapted later to meet a long-range missile threat if that emerges.

House would strip ACORN funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Thursday to deny all federal funds for ACORN in a GOP-led strike against the scandal-tainted community organizing group that comes just three days after the Senate took similar action.

"ACORN has violated serious federal laws, and today the House voted to ensure that taxpayer dollars would no longer be used to fund this corrupt organization," said second-ranking House Republican Eric Cantor of Virginia.

The vote, on a provision attached to a student aid bill, was 345-75, with Democrats supplying all the "no" votes.

On Monday the Senate voted 83-7 to deny housing and community grant funding to ACORN, which stands for the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now.

Republicans accelerated their attacks on the liberal-leaning group a year ago when ACORN, in conducting a massive voter registration drive, was accused of submitting some false registration forms.

On a hidden-camera video released on Monday, two ACORN employees are seen apparently advising a couple that was posing as a prostitute and her pimp to lie about her profession and launder her earnings. The video was the latest in a series that has led to the firing of five ACORN employees in Baltimore, Washington and San Diego. It was created by James O'Keefe and Hannah Giles and posted on BigGovernment.com, where O'Keefe identifies himself as an activist filmmaker.

ACORN spokesman Scott Levenson blasted the video shot at the organization's Brooklyn office, saying the group believes the voices of the couple were dubbed over to alter the conversation and make the interaction appear more objectionable than it may have been.

Union returning to AFL-CIO camp

PITTSBURGH (AP) — One of the unions that left the AFL-CIO in a bitter dispute that split the labor movement four years ago is coming back to the labor federation.

The union of hotel, restaurant and clothing workers known as UNITE HERE is bringing its 265,000 members back a day after Richard Trumka became the newest AFL-CIO president.

UNITE HERE president John Wilhelm made the announcement on the final day of the federation's convention.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $875,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Thursday's game.

Lottery officials said 212 players matched four numbers and won $178 each; 7,234 players matched three numbers and won $8.50 each; and 76,563 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA — DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	3-6-3
NIGHT PICK 3:	3-3-4
DAY PICK BIG 4:	9-7-5-8
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	4-9-9-5
DAY QUINTO:	2-1-2-6-9
NIGHT QUINTO:	3-0-4-5-7
TREASURE HUNT:	7-12-18-20-27
CASH 5:	7-8-17-27-31
MIX & MATCH:	3-8-9-19-4

OHIO — DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	9-2-4
NIGHT PICK 3:	8-9-8
DAY PICK 4:	0-2-4-4
NIGHT PICK 4:	8-7-9-3
ROLLING CASH 5:	17-19-27-29-34

WEST VIRGINIA — DAILY NUMBERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

DAILY 3:	9-3-4
DAILY 4:	4-3-3-5
CASH 25:	3-10-14-15-18-20

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of winning numbers and prize payouts. In the event of a discrepancy, the official and certified files maintained by the Pennsylvania Lottery's Security Office shall prevail.

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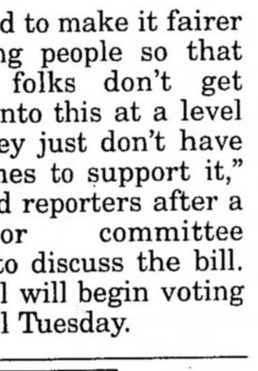

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OUR OPINION

Rhetoric over reality

On immigration, the Roman Catholic hierarchy is vague, ignores practical realities and forgets to "render unto Caesar," according to a courageous Maryland parish priest.

In "Catholics, Immigration and the Common Good," available from the Center for Immigration Studies (cis.org), the Rev. Dominique Peridans shows how the hierarchy puts its theology above the rule of law in a 2007 statement from Archbishop Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh's one-time bishop, and two colleagues.

Their failure to distinguish between philosophical and theological perspectives, Rev. Peridans says, gives the impression that "'catholicity of heart' immediately translates into open borders." And by paying mere lip service to the law while embracing the "undocumented," they imply that legality in immigration "is morally irrelevant."

Rhetoric that neglects "the common good of the national family" in favor of that of "the universal human family" ignores "the reality of a sovereign state." And, Peridans says, "If well-ordered charity begins at home, then the Church ought to extend compassionate understanding to American citizens as they struggle with what amounts, in many ways, to an 'invasion.'"

Catholic leaders who read Peridans' praiseworthy reality check likely won't be persuaded. But they might at least be less surprised when lawmen knock on the door of a Catholic "sanctuary" for illegals.

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

YOUR OPINION

BVA's patriotic display inspiring

To the Editor:

The Belle Vernon Area coaching staff and the football players are to be commended for the opening of the game Friday night, Sept. 11.

The football team entered the field carrying the school's flag and the American Flag, which was proudly displayed to commemorate one of the most tragic days in American history. This proud patriotic gesture was heart rending for the fans to watch, just as I am sure, for the team to carry out. Coach Aaron Krepps and his staff not only thought about the game the squad was about to play, but respectfully paid homage to those who gave their lives on 9-11 by this proud display.

The new BVA coach is not only instilling in these young men pride in their country, but also pride in their school. Before the start of the season, each football player had to learn and recite the words to the school's alma mater. At the end of each of the games, the players, cheerleaders, color guard members and majorettes stand in front of the band and proudly sing the alma mater. This end-of-the-game ceremony with all the students coming together to honor their school was fantastic and left many fans with tears in their eyes.

Thanks to the efforts of the BVA coaching staff for not only teaching the boys to be good football players but for giving them life lessons on taking pride in themselves, in their school, and in their country.

Good job. Well done. With much praise and thanks, a devout BVA football fan, a proud American and a blessed grandma.

Joan S. Ciccarelli
Belle Vernon

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Is America coming apart?

Pat **BUCHANAN**

Flying home from London, where the subject of formal debate on the 70th anniversary of World War II had been whether Winston Churchill was a liability or asset to the Free World, one arrives in the middle of a far more acrimonious debate right here in the United States.

At issue: Should Barack Obama be allowed to address tens of millions of American children, inside their classrooms, during school hours?

Conservative talk-show hosts saw a White House scheme to turn public schools into indoctrination centers where the socialist ideology of Obama would be spoon-fed to captive audiences of children forced to listen to Big Brother — and then do assignments on his sermon. The liberal commentariat raged about right-wing paranoia.

Yet Byron York of The Washington Examiner dug back to 1991 to discover that, when George H.W. Bush went to Alice Deal Junior High to speak to America's school kids, the left lost it.

"The White House turned a Northwest Washington junior high classroom into a television studio and its students into props," railed The Washington Post. Education Secretary Lamar Alexander was called before a House committee. The National Education Association denounced Bush. And Congress ordered the General Accounting Office to investigate.

Obama's actual speech proved about as controversial as a Nancy Reagan appeal to eighth-graders to "Just say no!" to drugs.

Yet, the episode reveals the poisoned character of our politics.

We saw it earlier on display in August, when the crowds that came out for town hall meetings to oppose Obama's health care plans were called "thugs," "fascists," "racists" and "evil-mongers" by national Democrats. We see it as Rep. Joe Wilson shouts, "You lie!" at the president during his address to a joint session of Congress.

We seem not only to disagree with each other more than ever, but to have come almost to detest one another. Politically, culturally, racially, we seem ever ready to go for each others' throats.

The question invites itself. In what sense are we one nation and one people anymore? For what is a nation if not a people of a common ancestry, faith, culture and language, who worship the same God, revere the same heroes, cherish the same history, celebrate the same holidays, and share the same music, poetry, art and literature?

Yet, today, Mexican-Americans celebrate Cinco de Mayo, a skirmish in a French-Mexican war about which most Americans know nothing, which took place the same year as two of the bloodiest battles of our own Civil War: Antietam and Fredericksburg.

Christmas and Easter, the great holidays of Christendom, once united Americans in joy. Now we fight over whether they should even be mentioned, let alone celebrated, in our public schools.

Where we used to have classical, pop, country & Western and jazz music, now we have varieties tailored to generations, races and ethnic groups. Even our music seems designed to subdivide us.

One part of America loves her history, another reviles it as racist, imperialist and genocidal. Old heroes like Columbus, Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee are replaced by Dr. King and Cesar Chavez.

But the old holidays, heroes and icons endure, as the new have yet to put down roots in a recalcitrant Middle America.

We are not only more divided than ever on politics, faith and morality, but along the lines of class and ethnicity. Those who opposed Sonia Sotomayor for the Supreme Court and stood by Sgt. Crowley in the face-off with Harvard's Henry Louis Gates were called racists. But this time they did not back down. They threw the same vile word right back in the face of their accusers, and Barack Obama.

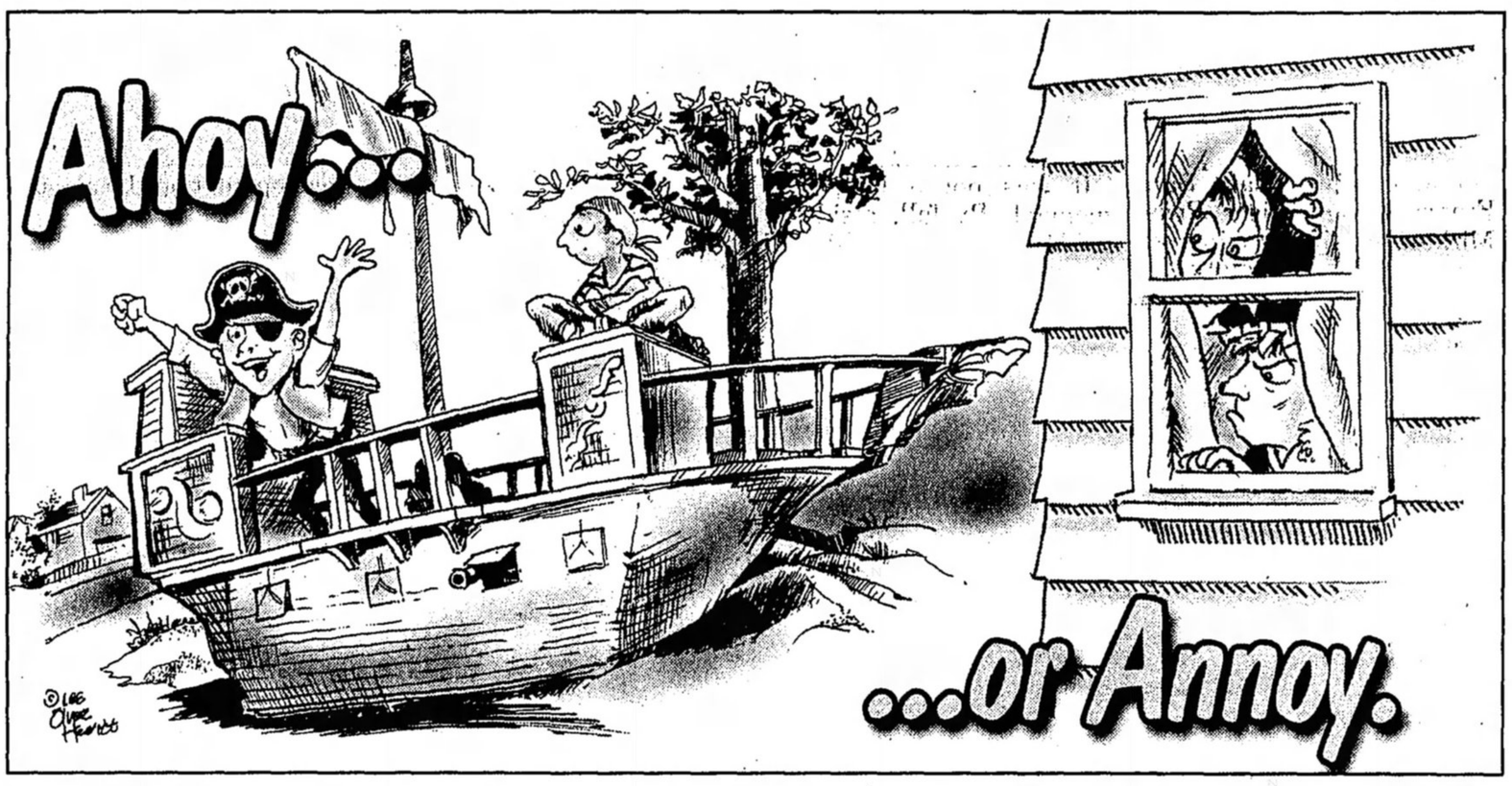
Consider but a few issues on which Americans have lately been bitterly divided: school prayer, the Ten Commandments, evolution, the death penalty, abortion, homosexuality, assisted suicide, affirmative action, busing, the Confederate battle flag, the Duke rape case, Terri Schiavo, Iraq, amnesty, torture.

Now it is death panels, global warming, "birthers" and socialism. If a married couple disagreed as broadly and deeply as Americans do on such basic issues, they would have divorced and gone their separate ways long ago. What is it that still holds us together?

The European-Christian core of the country that once defined us is shrinking, as Christianity fades, the birth rate falls and Third World immigration surges. Globalism dissolves the economic bonds, while the cacophony of multiculturalism displaces the old American culture.

"E pluribus unum" — out of many, one — was the national motto the men of '76 settled upon. One sees the pluribus. But where is the unum? One sees the diversity. But where is the unity?

Is America, too, breaking up?



GOP has health plans, too

Byron **York**

Rep. Tom Price, the Georgia Republican who heads the House GOP Study Committee, came to President Obama's Sept. 9 speech to a joint session of Congress itching to make a point. Price, who also happens to be an orthopedic surgeon, has often heard the president accuse Republicans of criticizing Democratic healthcare proposals while having no plans of their own. He expected Obama to do the same Wednesday night.

"We knew the president would at some point say something like, 'And the other side has no ideas,'" Price says. So Price and his Republican colleagues brought with them copies of the more than 30 health-care-reform bills they have proposed in the House this year.

Obama didn't directly accuse Republicans of not having a plan. But he did say he would welcome "serious" healthcare proposals. "My door is always open," Obama said.

That's when Price held up the sheaf of papers he was carrying -- a copy of HR 3400, the Empowering Patients First Act, which Price and the Republican Study Committee proposed in July. Other GOP lawmakers held up their own bills. Some raised a list of all the healthcare bills -- there are more than 30 -- proposed by members of the Study Committee.

Why use the props? "To say in a quiet and respectful way, 'Here are our ideas,' " Price says. "To say to the president, 'You're not being honest with the American people when you say that there haven't been ideas put forward, and that you've listened to them, because you haven't.'"

The small Republican protest got a bit of coverage, although it was overshadowed by the hubbub over GOP Rep. Joe Wilson's "You lie!" outburst during the president's speech. But the larger problem remains. Republicans have authored a number of healthcare bills -- serious legislation addressing portability, preexisting conditions, cost and other issues that trouble American consumers -- and hardly anyone has noticed.

Republicans don't really blame Nancy Pelosi. The speaker is as partisan a Democrat as they come, and no one is surprised that she has used her power to stifle Republican efforts.

But they do blame the Obama administration. "The White House, in spite of saying they look forward to meeting with anyone who wants to solve these challenges, has rebuffed us at every turn," Price says.

They also blame the media. Somewhere in this extended healthcare debate, Republicans believe, reporters might have noticed that there are real, substantive GOP proposals out there. So far, though, it hasn't happened.

As this is written, a search of the LexisNexis database of newspapers, magazines, television programs and major blogs finds about 3,000 mentions of the major House Democratic bill, HR 3200, in the past six months. (Those are just the stories that refer to the bill by its House number; there have been thousands more stories referring generally to the Democratic legislation.) A similar search found 60 mentions of HR 3400, the Price bill.

Another Republican bill, HR 2520, the Patients' Choice Act, by Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, received 12 mentions in the same time period. And two other bills, HR 3217 and HR 3218, the Health Care Choice Act and the Improving Health Care for All Americans Act, by Rep. John Shadegg, together received 20 mentions.

The virtual embargo on reporting Republican legislation has allowed Democrats and their allies in the media to keep up the "Republicans have no plan" attack. Just hours after the president's speech, for example, the Democratic National Committee released a new commercial claiming that Republicans "refuse to offer a plan" to reform the healthcare system.

Just for the record, in case you want to check them out, these are the bills proposed, so far, by Price and his allies in the House: HR 77; HR 109; HR 198; HR 270; HR 321; HR 464; HR 502; HR 544; HR 917; HR 1086; HR 1118; HR 1441; HR 1458; HR 1468; HR 1658; HR 1891; HR 2520; HR 2607; HR 2692; HR 2784; HR 2785; HR 2786; HR 2787; HR 3141; HR 3217; HR 3218; HR 3356; HR 3372; HR 3400; HR 3438; HR 3454; and HR 3478.

"It's frustrating," Price says. But Republicans believe that in the end, the public won't buy the administration's line.

Change in the air at birthplace of hippie movement

Haight-Ashbury vastly different today than it was during the Summer of Love in '67.

By MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — First, came a moratorium on head shops. Then, neighbors turned out in force to support a new development that includes an upscale grocery store. And the local street fair banned open containers of alcohol.

There are signs of new times at the intersection of Haight and Ashbury streets, the neighborhood that was the epicenter of the hippie movement during the Summer of Love in 1967.

"It isn't drugs, sex and rock 'n' roll anymore," says longtime resident and neighborhood organizer Ted Loewenberg. "It's a different neighborhood."

Drugs and music have not disappeared entirely from the Haight, and judging by the baby strollers to be seen rolling along the sidewalks, sex has not gone out of style, either.

Still, you know this is not your father's Haight-Ashbury when one of the burning issues of the day involves whether a Whole Foods should move into the neighborhood.

"Haight-Ashbury is a wonderful, iconic place that wrestles with its past, present and future," says San Francisco Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi, who lives in and represents the neighborhood.

A walk through the Haight illustrates his point.

Here are lovingly restored Victorian mansions, glorious with details accented with gold paint.

Steps away is the slumbering form of a homeless man stretched out near the front steps of a public library. And, a "Tiny Tots" diaper-service van zipping up the street spells out the latest trend of the Haight — families.

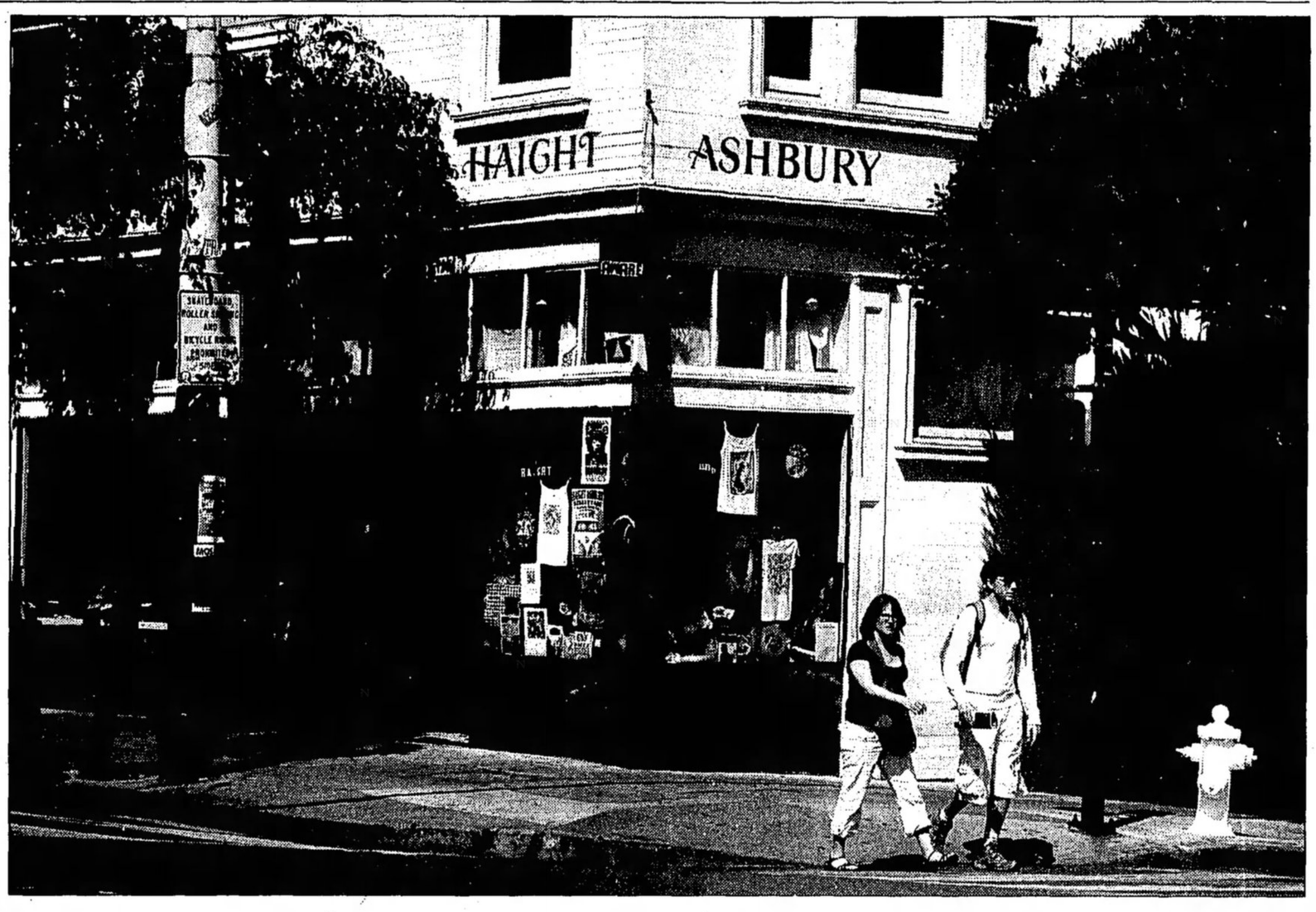
On the main thoroughfare of Haight Street, wisps of the past are brought to life in gusts of patchouli oil wafting out of vintage clothing stores and vibrantly detailed murals painted on storefronts.

Interspersed along the street are more modern accents: bustling small grocers, upscale coffee shops and new retailers.

One of the newer stores on Haight St. is The Booksmith, an independent bookstore operated by husband-and-wife team Praveen Madan and Christin Evans.

More than two-thirds of Booksmith customers are locals who like browsing shelves that carry a wide range of titles. Naturally, there is a robust "counterculture" section. The rest come from all over the world, drawn by the lure of 1967, when thousands of young people came to San Francisco, with and without flowers in their hair.

It was not a long-lived moment. By fall, residents held a "death of the hippie" funeral.



Associated Press

The intersection of Haight and Ashbury streets is shown in San Francisco earlier this week. There are signs of new times at the intersection that was the epicenter of the hippie movement during the Summer of Love in 1967.

But the legend proved hard to kill.

"The narrative of what happened in the '60s is so powerful people still come from all over the world, they come in here and want to know where the hippies are," says Madan. "Well, the hippies have been gone for 40 years."

On a recent sunny morning, 18-year-old Jacob Rivers sits at the intersection of Haight and Ashbury streets, trying to interest tourists in his geometrically detailed drawings.

Tanned and towheaded, he hails from a suburb of Minneapolis, drawn by something that happened years before his birth.

"We studied this stuff," he says. "It's a beautiful place. It's crazy to think of the legends that went down here, you know. Jerry Garcia. Jefferson Airplane. It's a cool place to be."

These days, there are fights, often at the city Planning Commission, over what to preserve and what to change to make the neighborhood more liveable.

Take the proposal to bring in a Whole Foods Market as part of a mixed-use housing development on the site of a closed food store.

The Haight Ashbury Improvement Association supported the development. The Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, a group that traditionally has packed a powerful political punch, did not.

Calvin Welch of the council says he does not oppose a Whole Foods store per se, although he would prefer to see local grocers at the site. But he said the project as a whole, including the housing, was out of scale with the neighborhood and would have generated too much traffic.

The supporters, Welch said, are "emotionally, intellectually at war with the very nature of this neighborhood. They bring a certain suburban sensibility that everything should look like them, talk like them and be like them."

But Loewenberg, president of HAIA, says, "Nobody wants to have suburbia here. We just need to have a little bit more balance."

The project won approval from planning officials after supporters showed up at a key meeting with more than 100 people.

Since then, the proposed development has stalled due to the flagging economy but plans for a Whole Foods store are still alive, pending lease negotiations and city approvals.

Nazi stash gets analyst suspension

World War II-era collection concerns human rights group that employs him.

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A human rights group's senior military analyst has been suspended after a pro-Israel blog reported that he collects Nazi memorabilia.

Marc Garlasco is being suspended by Human Rights Watch "pending an investigation," said Carroll Bogert, associate director of the New York-based organization.

"We do know he collects German and American World War II memorabilia, but we have questions as to whether we've learned everything we need to know," Bogert said.

Garlasco's collection was revealed last week on Mere Rhetoric, a pro-Israel blog. A blog posting said his hobby reflected an anti-Israel bias and showed he was "obsessed with the color and pageantry of Nazism."

Human Rights Watch has no evidence that Garlasco's hobby affected his analysis, and he "has never expressed any anti-Semitic or neo-Nazi statements," Bogert said.

Garlasco declined to be interviewed.

In an essay posted on The Huffington Post, a liberal political Web site and blog, Garlasco described himself as a "military geek" whose hobby stemmed from his family history. He noted that his German grandfather was conscripted into the Nazi army.

"I've never hidden my hobby, because there's nothing shameful in it, however weird it might seem to those who aren't fascinated by military history," he wrote.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Here's a rundown on activities scheduled at local senior centers for next week:

BROWNSVILLE

Monday – 10:30, games and socializing; 12:30, bingo.

Tuesday – 9-10:30, blood lab; 10, ceramics, 10:30, skat and socializing; 1, bingo.

Wednesday – 10:30, games and socializing; 11, Nutrition-May Wells; 11:15, sit 'n fit exercise class; 11:45, wild pill drawing and lucky five drawing; 1, bowling and bingo.

Thursday – 10:30, skat and socializing; 12:30, cards and bingo.

Friday – 10, skat, pokeno and socializing; 1, bingo.

CENTER IN THE WOODS

Monday – 7:30, walking; 8, lab services; 9, beauty shop; 10, watercolor; 1, German choir, cards, choir; 7, hatha yoga.

Tuesday – 7:30, walking; 8, lab services; 9, foot appointments, beauty shop, silver sneakers; 10, zumba gold; 10:30, scanning; 11, blood pressures, healthy steps; 1, bingo, cards, dart ball, news/views.

Wednesday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 10, oil painting; 10:30, Bible study; 10, oil painting; 1, cards; 3, basket guild.

Thursday – 7:30, walking; 8, lab services; 9, beauty shop, silver sneakers; 9:50, belly dancing; 10:30, scanning; 11, healthy steps; 1, cards, bingo, jam.

Friday – 7:30, walking; 9, beauty shop; 1, dart ball, Bible study; 1:15, afternoon movie.

CENTER ON THE HILL

Monday – 10:30, bingo, 11, canasta; 12:45, euchre; 6:30, pinochle.

Tuesday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo; 11, crafts; 1, card club; pinochle; 7, euchre.

Wednesday – 10:30, bingo, Bible study; 1, country jam session.

Thursday – 9:30, video exercise; 10:30, bingo.

Friday – 10:30, bingo.

RIVERSIDE PLACE (CHARLEROI)

Monday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, yoga classes, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, bingo; 1, Movie Monday, darts; 4:45, zumba; Wii, jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles; Wii (video games); 5, yoga classes.

Wednesday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 11, "Get your ZZZs"-PrimeTime Health, silver sneakers; 11:30, bingo; noon-1, blood pressures; 1, big bingo, Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 7, MV Community Band rehearsals.

Thursday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, exercise for arthritis; 11:30, bingo; Wii; jigsaw puzzles; 1, darts.

Friday – 8:30, fitness room; 9, dance town; 10, pizza; 11:30, bingo; 7-10, Best of Times; jigsaw puzzles; Wii.

DONORA

Monday – 10, line dancing; 11:45, bingo; 1, bingo.

Tuesday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno, bingo.

Wednesday – 10, beginners' line dancing; 11:45, bingo.

Thursday – 11:45, bingo; 1, cards and pokeno.

Friday – 11:45, bingo.

MONONGAHELA

Monday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 9, crafts; 10, blood pressures; 11:30, bingo; 1:30, bingo; 1, cards, darts; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday evening social.

Wednesday – dominoes, 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards; jigsaw puzzles; 6, Thursday night social.

Friday – 11:30, bingo; 1, cards, jigsaw puzzles.

PERRYOPOLIS

Monday – 9, poker club, card club; 10, healthy steps; 1, cards and table games; jigsaw puzzles.

Tuesday – 8, walking; 10, sing along, pinochle, singalong; 1, pickin and grinning; jigsaw puzzles.

Wednesday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo, jigsaw puzzles.

Thursday – 8, walking; 9, ceramics; 10, healthy steps; 1, crafts; jigsaw puzzles.

Friday – 8, walking; 9:30, bingo; jigsaw puzzles and games.

SENIOR CENTER MENUS

Here's a look at lunch menus for local senior citizen centers for next week:

Center on the Hill, Donora, Monongahela Perryopolis and Riverside Place

Monday – Salisbury steak
Tuesday – chicken over biscuit
Wednesday – philly cheese steak
Thursday – beef ravioli
Friday – pot roast

Monessen and West Newton

Monday – chili con carne
Tuesday – chicken salad
Wednesday – Salisbury steak
Thursday – breaded fish
Friday – mild sausage

Senior Snapshot

Pauline Santini, 83, of California

Her most memorable historic moment was the election of President Theodore Roosevelt. "That was a big election," she said. "The world changed and people had more hope that it was going to get a little better."

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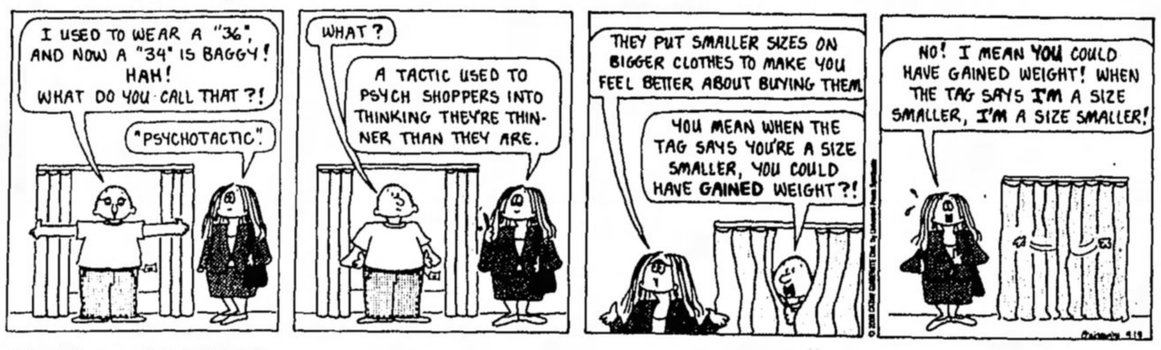
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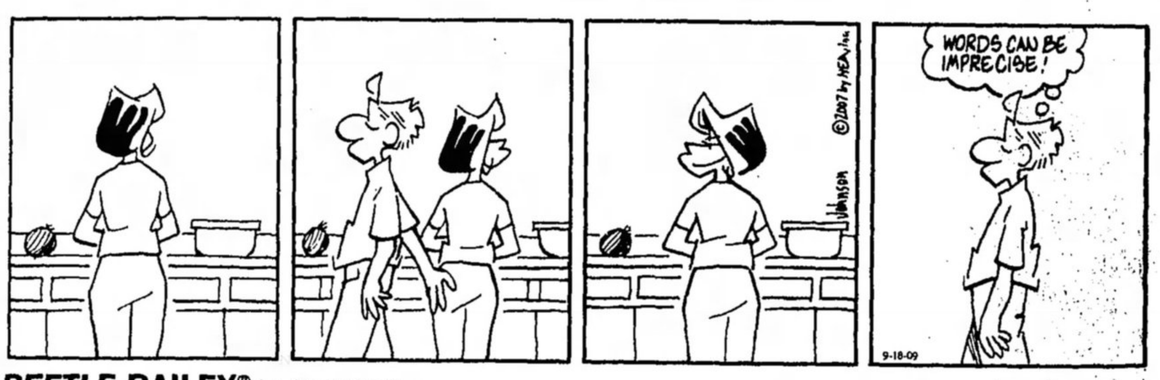

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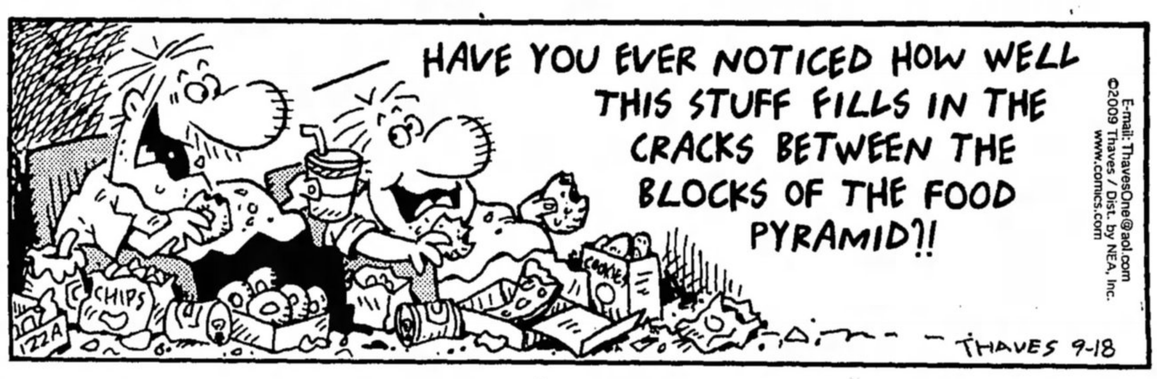
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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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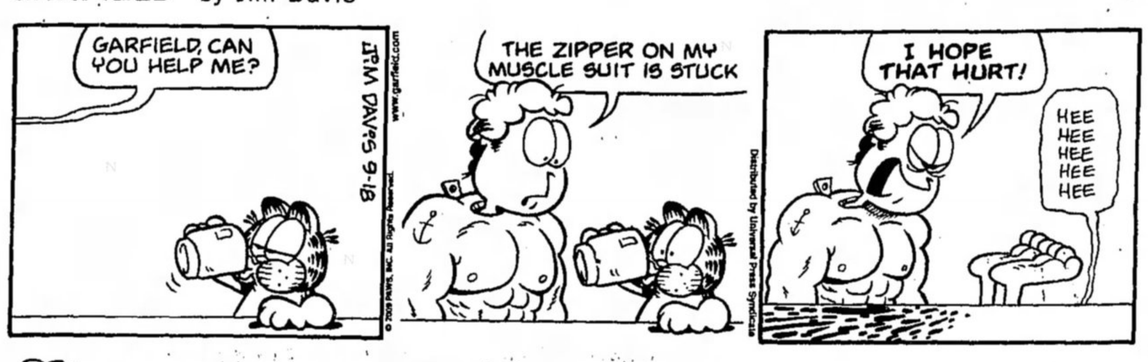
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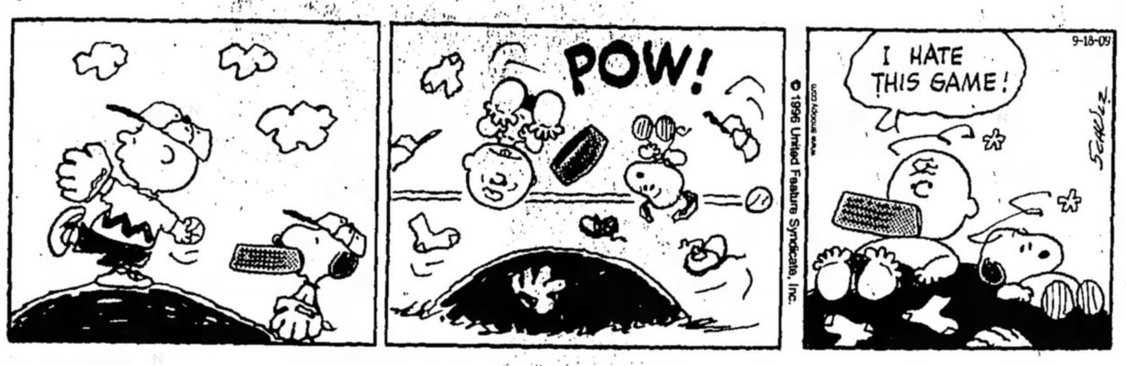

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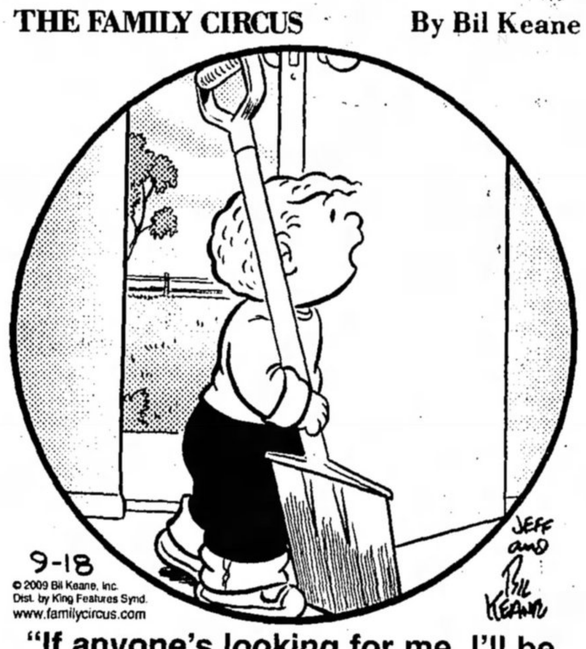

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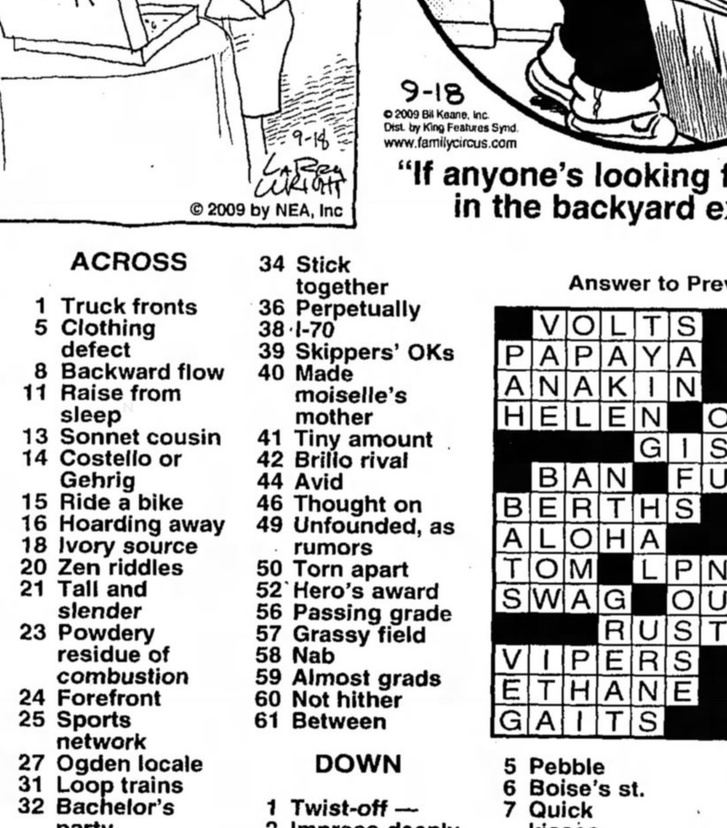

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Get a soil test before fertilizing

Signs of poor quality dirt are obvious.

By DEAN FOSDICK
For The Associated Press

You won't need a dirt doctor to tell you when the soil in your yard is ailing; the vital signs will be obvious.

Turf grass becomes thin and crowded with weeds. Garden vegetables die back. Flowers fade before blooming. Fruit is slow to ripen.

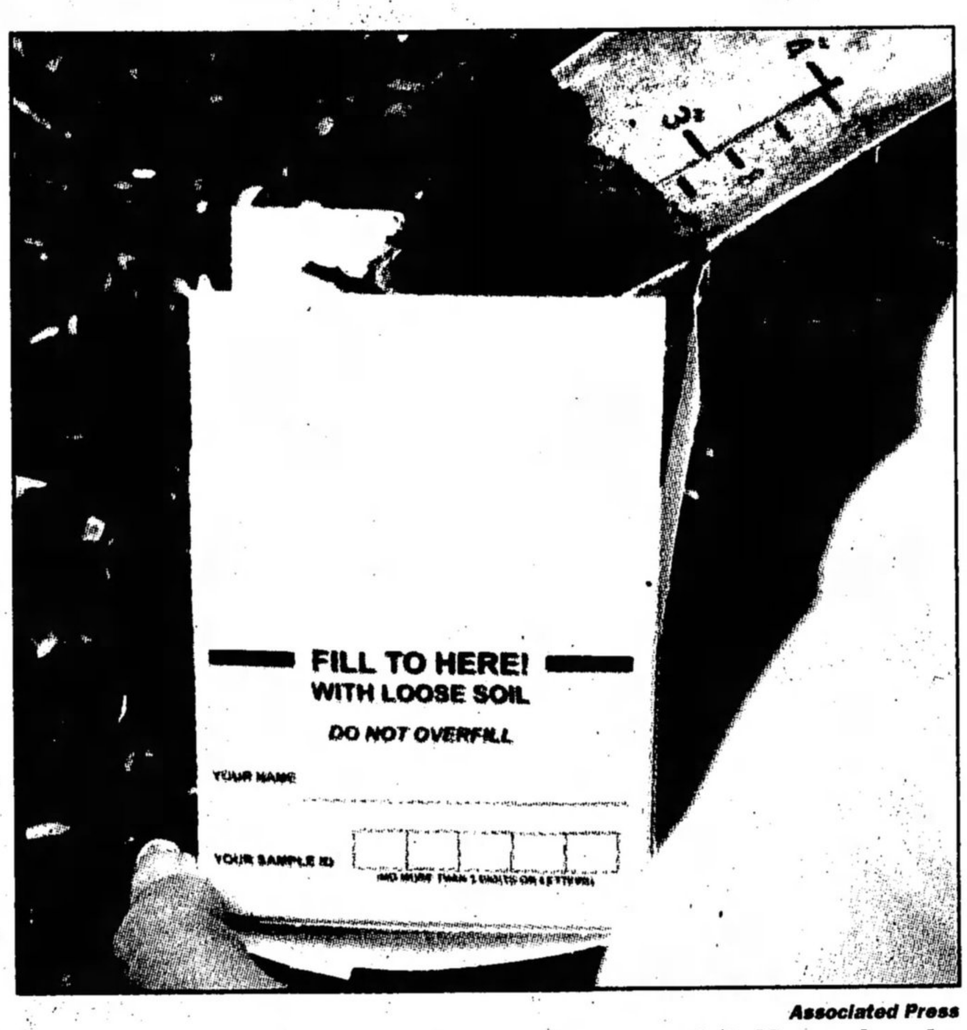
Chances are your planting beds are starved for nutrients — some fertilizer. But what kind and how much? That's when the horticultural equivalent of a physical exam comes into play: a soil test.

"Whether you choose to buy manure or commercial fertilizer is up to you, but a soil test will determine which nutrients are needed," said Steve Heckendorn, manager of the soil-testing lab at Virginia Tech. "You're not fertilizing the plant. You're fertilizing the soil that feeds the plant. In effect, you're putting food into the plant's refrigerator."

There are hundreds of different soil types in America, each with its own characteristics. A soil test rates them for many things, ranging from texture and water retention ability to their yield potential for specific crops. Nutrient deficiencies are identified along with recommendations for changes.

Used to be, shopping for fertilizer blends was a challenge in chemical code breaking, but the standardized three-digit grade labels now required on bags show at a glance what you need to know.

The first number represents the amount of nitrogen available in the mixture, the second the available phosphate and the last is potash. If the bag label reads "10-10-10," that means a mixture of 10 percent nitrogen, 10 percent phosphate and 10 percent potash.



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Soil tests are inexpensive and essential if you're to remove any guesswork about the chemistry of gardens and flower beds. They can tell you which nutrients, if any, are needed to optimize plant growth. Fertilizers feed the soil, not the plants.

"Nitrogen is associated with color, phosphorous with flowering and potassium with growth," said Dennis Lukaszewski, urban gardens director for the University of Wisconsin-Extension. "There are other micro-nutrient blends out there for feeding specific plants, but those are the big three."

Here are some fertilizing do's and don'ts:

■ Manure has been the fertilizer of choice since the first gardeners turned their first clumps of earth. But be cautious if you have access to the nitrogen-rich farmyard variety. "Make sure it's fully composted," said Mike Goatley, the extension turfgrass specialist at Virginia Tech. "Fresh manures can burn up plants. Odors can be a problem. It may be something you want to avoid if it's at a stage where it's unattractive to the touch or smell."

■ Beware synthetic fertilizers blended with herbicides or insecticides. "The fertilizers we use for lawns are not intended for the vegetable garden," Goatley said. "They may contain ingredients that don't belong in the food chain."

■ If some fertilizer is good, more is not necessarily better. "You can overload the system," Goatley said. "You'll get too much green and too much growth but too little flowering. All that nitrogen will produce is vegetation when what you really want is fruit."

■ Slow-release fertilizers can be effective over long periods of time but they're not a quick fix. You may want to apply a faster-acting product if your ground is nutrient-deficient.

■ Know when to apply. "Fertilizing a lawn in the fall will benefit you in the spring," Goatley said. Also, "Fertilize gardens when something is actively growing. That's when you get the most benefit."

■ Organic products generally are a safer way to fertilize. "You won't run the risk of a plant taking off" with leggy growth, Wisconsin's Lukaszewski said. "You'll get a good nutrient balance."

■ Don't forget the soil pH or its degree of acidity and alkalinity. An acidic soil has a pH value of less than 7 on a scale of 1 to 14. Acidity influences the vulnerability of plants to disease and the availability of soil nutrients. If soils are acidic, amend them by adding agricultural lime or fireplace ashes. Applying sulfur can neutralize alkaline soils, or those testing above 7.

"My bottom line is, learn what you're doing before you waste money and harm the environment," Lukaszewski said. "The commercial stuff that's out there has been pretty much tested and will be of benefit. But you've got to know what you need and what the product will do."

'Don't guess; soil test'

You can buy the most attractive plants in the greenhouse or order the best seeds, but they won't produce if your garden lacks nutrients.

A soil test is the best way to check growing potential and determine which, if any, fertilizers are needed. It eliminates guesswork about soil chemistry.

A routine soil test is inexpensive — generally around $10 for residential growers. No charge is assessed commercial crop growers in many agricultural states.

Price includes a soil test kit with written instructions, an appraisal of at least nine different elements (including pH), an explanation of the findings, suggested amendments and the return postage.

Here's how it's done:

■ Pick up a soil test kit from your county extension office. Many garden centers also stock them.

■ Soil samples can be taken any time of year, even in winter, provided you can poke a trowel into the frozen ground. It's probably best done in spring or fall, however, so the recommended amendments can be added well before the plants go in. Mix the sediment from at least five different sites. Discard extraneous grass or litter.

■ Do not take samples when the ground is unusually wet. Also, do not mix soil with specimens taken from where the ground has been heavily limed or fertilized. Those should be packaged separately.

■ Mail soil samples and fee to the laboratory address specified on the kit.

European village in Texas suburb

By JAMIE STENGLE
Associated Press Writer

MCKINNEY, Texas — From a chapel sitting serenely on a sliver of land jutting out on a lake, to stone homes with red tile roofs clustered on winding lanes, developer Jeff Blackard is working to bring European village life to a Texas suburb.

"What we're really doing is creating a real, functioning village," Blackard said.

Inspired by Supetar, a port city on the Croatian island of Brac, Blackard began work on the "Adriatica" development about 30 miles north of Dallas a few years ago. So far, it contains about a dozen single-family homes and a row of businesses and shops, including a day spa, an Italian restaurant, a Realtor's office, a wine bistro and a Starbucks.

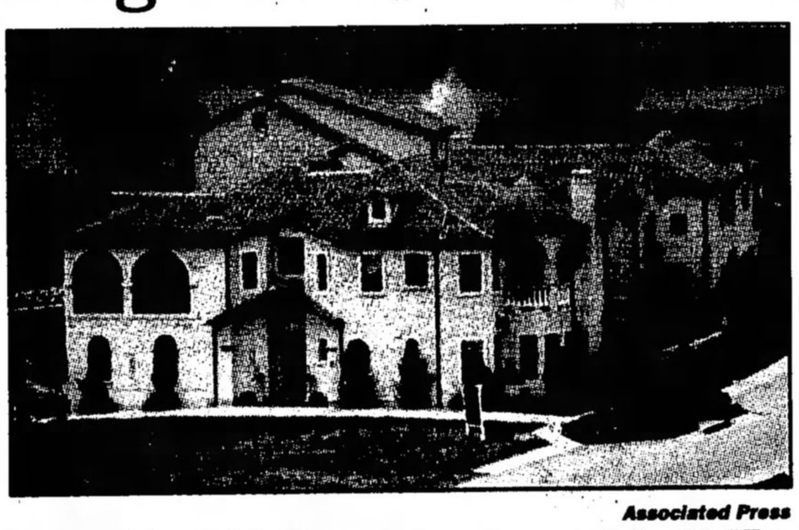
By the end of next year, expect a replica of Supetar's port lining the lake.

Eventually, plans for the 45-acre development call for 70 or so houses, about 280 condominium units, 100 retail establishments, 100 offices and an 80-room hotel. A replica of Venice's St. Mark's Square is planned to serve as a community meeting place.

For Anne Petrasek, who has lived at Adriatica since January with her family, it already feels like the ideal European village. "It's like going on vacation every weekend," she said.

Petrasek, 52, used to live about five minutes away in a more typical suburban housing development, with a big yard on a golf course. Since moving into her new 3,000-square-foot, three-bedroom home, she said she's found the village-type life she wanted, from chatting with people from the balcony to frequenting the development's shops.

"People are more apt to just stop and say hello," she said.



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Homes at Adriatica, a development in McKinney, Texas, are designed to look like a Croatian village.

Many of the homes incorporate antique architectural items from Europe, such as gates from Italy. Flowers cascade from window boxes. Colorful lights are strung above sidewalks in the retail area. There are even plans for a ship to be anchored in the harbor and serve as a coffee shop.

Blackard, a developer of about 15,000 homes during his almost 30-year career, said that after investing in a hotel in Supetar, it occurred to him that American housing developments should be more like European villages.

"Developers think they put in a fountain and a gazebo and think it's a community, but it's not," he said.

"One time I wanted to do it right at all costs," he said, adding that zoning will allow for features such as zero setbacks from houses to the road, so that, as in a European village, the homes are right off the lanes.

Lots for the homes, or "villas," begin at $40,000, and most homes are $300,000 and up, but Blackard said someone could build there for less if they wanted. "It's OK to have an 800-square-foot house. Build something that you want," he said.

Stephen Melman, economic services director at the National Association of Homebuilders in Washington, D.C., said his group doesn't keep data on themes in housing developments, but he doesn't know of anything similar to Adriatica.

"In this market, it's challenging. So if you can make your product stand out, you've got a winner," Melman said.

Edward John, a Christian pop singer from Oslo, Norway, said that when he relocated to McKinney to be near his record label, he wasn't pleased with the outer suburb. Then one day while jogging he stopped by an open house at Adriatica. It made him feel like he was back in Europe, he said, and he now plans to build a home there.

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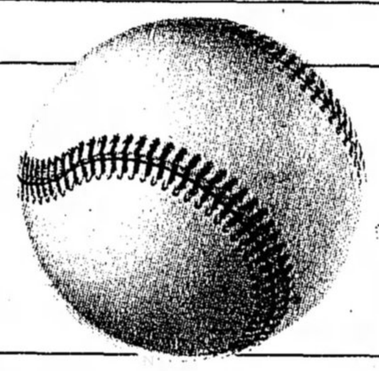
Ben Roethlisberger is one of four Pittsburgh Steeler quarterbacks to complete over 1,000 passes. Name the other three. 3B



Last night's scores

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Leps brace for 'C-boys'

Char Valley's Beau Carson, Wayne Capers could provide a huge headache for 2-0 Belle Vernon Area.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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The first time Chartiers Valley's Beau Carson touched the football against Belle Vernon Area in last year's Big 7 Conference opener at James Weir Stadium, he raced 70 yards for a touchdown on the game's second play in the opening 90 seconds.

It was an indication of things to come.

Carson finished with 171 yards on seven carries as the Colts coasted to a 62-0 victory to deal the Leps the worst defeat in the school's history.

Chartiers Valley scored on every one of their nine possessions and put the mercy rule into effect with a 35-0 lead with 7:01 left in the first half.

Carson is back as the Colts' leading rusher but he's had to take a back seat to sophomore quarterback Wayne Capers going into tonight's Big 7 home opener at seven o'clock in a battle of unbeatens.

The son of a former Pittsburgh Steeler receiver, Capers has put

Beau Carson

up impressive numbers throwing the football.

He's completed 13 of 18 passes for 346 yards and five touchdowns.

"Capers is fabulous," said Chartiers Valley coach Chris Saluga. "We knew for years what he can do and it's nice to see him validate it. What I really like is his enthusiasm and decision making."

Capers ended up starting at the tail end of the 2008 campaign when starting quarterback Santino Coury was lost for the season with an injury in the overtime victory over Ringgold.

While Capers has been stealing the headlines, Carson hasn't been a slouch.

He's scored five touchdowns including four on passes from Capers.

"Carson is sensational," said Saluga.

The C-boys have led a Chartiers Valley offense, which has piled up 746 total offense yards including 400 on the ground.

Chartiers Valley has impressed first-year BVA coach Aaron Krepps.

'They're very athletic with a lot of speed," he said. "Capers throws well and Carson is a good receiver."

Meanwhile, BVA can counter with two offensive weapons of their own in running backs Matt Green and Cory Williams.

Green is averaging almost 13 yards a carry with 181 in 14 runs with Williams adding 147 in 23 carries.

Green has five touchdowns and Williams three.

Scoring hasn't been a problem for the Leps, whose 94 points is tops in WPIAL's Class AAA.

I"I'm happy with the way we've been playing but we're going to have to play our game," said Krepps.

Char Valley's Wayne Capers, son of the former Steelers' receiver, is a major weapon for the Colts as a quarterback.

Big Ben is NFL's new Comeback Kid

Steelers' quarterback is money when he has the ball late in a game.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Fourth quarter, team's down by 4, 75 yards to go, 2:30 to play. Exactly the situation in which games are won and lost, careers are made or ruined, coaches get hired or fired.

Hines Ward, you have two choices to lead your team down the field: Tom Brady or Ben Roethlisberger. Which quarterback do you choose?

Ward flashes a look that suggests he's not about to give the politically incorrect answer in a Pittsburgh Steelers locker room where Roethlisberger is standing 50 feet away.

"Uh, Ben, of course," the Steelers' leading career receiver said. "Brady's a great quarterback, but to compare the two? They're both winners. You can't really compare Ben's stats to some other guys .... What he's done in a short career, the playoffs, AFC championship games, Super Bowl, I love to associate myself and play with a winner all day. ... Some people's going to like Ben, some people's going to like Brady. You're entitled to your opinion. But we love Ben."

In reality, Ward couldn't give a wrong answer. When it comes to pulling out victories in games in which their team trails or is tied late, Brady and Roethlisberger are quickly moving up the list of all-time leaders. And each needed only one game this season to do what he does best.

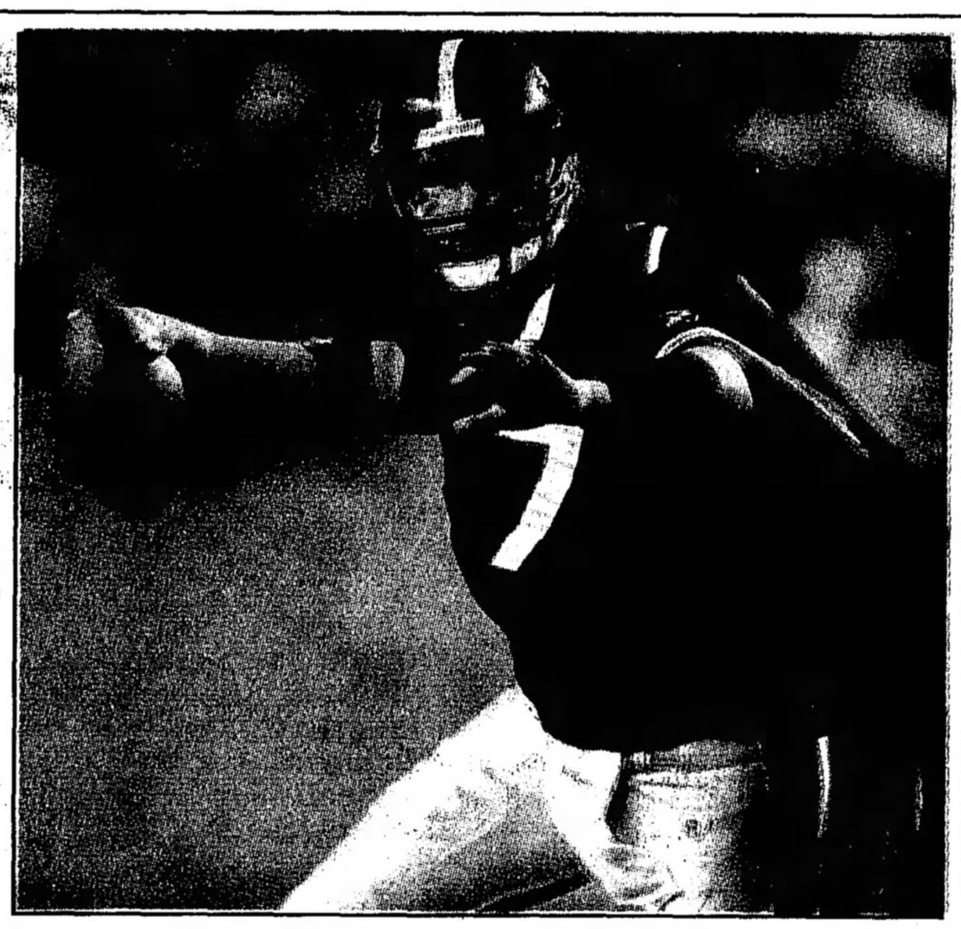
By leading the Steelers back from a 10-7 deficit in the fourth quarter to beat Tennessee 13-10 on Sept. 10, Roethlisberger led his 20th game-winning drive in the fourth quarter or overtime since his rookie season in 2004 — seven since the start of last season. Brady, back from a year off with a major knee injury, threw two touchdown passes in the final 2:06 to rally the Patriots past the Bills 25-24 on Monday for his 29th such victory.

Peyton Manning of the Colts is credited with 37 such victories, the most among active quarterbacks, but the definition of what constitutes such a drive varies from team to team.

Throwing out games that were tied or in which the defense or special teams scored the decisive touchdown, Manning has led 28 comebacks, Brady 21 and Roethlisberger 16, according to a study by pro-football-research.com. Manning has played three more seasons than Brady, including Brady's one game season of a year ago, and six more than Roethlisberger,

If Roethlisberger keeps this up, and the Steelers certainly expect him to, he could finish his career being called the king of the comebacks, as John Elway now is. The Broncos credit Elway with 47 victories in 15 seasons when his team was behind or tied in the fourth quarter.

"What do you think about when you think about Elway?"



Ben Roethlisberger has led the Steelers to 16 come-from-behind wins in his career so far.

Roethlisberger said. "The Drive (against Cleveland in the 1986 season playoffs) and all the stuff that he's done."

To Roethlisberger, it's about having the same attitude as Michael Jordan in the closing minute of a tight game. It's all about knowing how to win, and being supremely convinced you are the player who can get it done.

"You have to be confident and you have to want the ball," Roethlisberger said. "It's like wanting the ball for a last-second shot, wanting the ball at the end of the game. You know you can do it. When you can't, it's not like you get down on yourself, you just get stopped somehow."

That's where Roethlisberger finds playing in the NFL no different from his high school days in Findlay, Ohio, or his college quarterbacking career at Miami (Ohio).

Last season, the Steelers played seven games that were decided by 5 points or fewer. They won six, losing only to Manning's Colts.

"For me, it's fun," Roethlisberger said. "It turns back to when you were back in high school or just playing in the back yard and you're

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Home is not sweet for Vulcans

Cal has lost last three times at Adamson Stadium going into Saturday's contest against Gannon.

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Home hasn't been sweet recently for California University's football team, which hosts Gannon Saturday at noon in the Vulcans' PSAC West opener.

For the first time in coach John Luckhardt's eight years, the Vulcans are riding a three-game losing skid at Adamson Stadium.

California closed the 2008 campaign with a 45-7 loss to eventual NCAA Division II champion Minnesota-Duuth in the semifinals before starting the 2009 season with one-touchdown losses to Saginaw Valley State and Bloomsburg,

Luckhardt looks for the Golden Knights (2-1) to be a good test for the Vulcans (1-2), who are coming off a 30-23 win at West Chester.

"They're a more athletic than last year," he said. "They're big up front and keep you honest."

Gannon's five offensive interior linemen average 305 pounds, with 6-9 freshman right tackle Tim Reynolds the biggest at 355 and 6-4 junior right guard Cody Huffman the lightest at 275.

Thanks to its big line, Gannon is one of the conference's top running team averaging 202 yards.

Jon Richardson leads the way with 351 yards and seven touchdowns while junior backup Tyler Batts is averaging nine yards a carry.

Richardson is fourth on Gannon's all-time all-purpose yardage list with 3,146 yards.

Junior quarterback Zach Boedicker is also a threat to run with 107 yards and a 5.1 average.

As a passer, Boedicker is 30 of 58 for 374 yards and two touchdowns.

Gannon's defense is led by junior linebacker Matthew Neal-Mink, whose 37 tackles including 22 solos tops the conference.

California, meanwhile, will be missing at least two of its starters on offense with running back Windell Brown and tight end Chet Welc sidelined with injuries.

(See VULCANS, Page 4B)

Ringgold booters bow; Leps, Hounds, Cougars win

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

There was good and bad news for Ringgold's soccer team.

The good news was the Rams held unbeaten Canon-McMillan to one goal in Thursday's Class AAA Section 5 contest.

The bad news? The Rams didn't score.

ì"We let up one shot on goal and it went in," said Ringgold coach Ron Fransko. "It was a nice goal but we will have to bounce back from here."

Justin Williams scored for the Big Macs in the opening minute of the second half.

The Rams (5-2, 0-2), who've been blanked in their last two games after starting out 5-0, resaume Tuesday at Moon.

BVA 3, Elizabeth Forward 1

The Leps moved into second place in Class AA Section 3 with the win.

Chris Kovalchuk, Mark Tomich, and Tyler Pirilla scored for BVA while Tyler Abels scored Elizabeth Forward's lone goal.

"This was a big character win for us over a quality team," said BVA coach Chris Stasicha. "I'm very pleased with the boys and we were able to weather Elizabeth's storm early in the second half."

"We were totally outplayed in the first half and Belle Vernon played extremely well,ì" said Elizabeth coach Dave King. "They were first to every ball and they played harder than we did."

The Leopards (6-1-1, 3-0-1) head to Southmoreland Tuesday while the Warriors (3-4, 1-3) are at West Mifflin for an exhibition contest Monday.

Monessen 1, Beth-Center 0

The Greyhounds snapped a two-game skid with their first shutout in the Class A Section 4 contest.

Sam Merando scored with 6:44 left for Monessen with Eric McFeely in goal for the Greyhounds.

"Overall, we played a really good game," said Monessen coach Sam Perry. "We made some adjustments and we played well. Both teams did."

Monessen hosts Washington in an exhibition contest Saturday at noon.

Charleroi 4, Char-Houston 2

The Cougars bounced back from their first Class A Section 4 loss.

Brent Nucci scored two goals while Zach Boehme and Greg Black each added one goal each.

"This ws a good way to bounce back from the Bentworth game,": said Charleroi coach George Watkins. "We need to finish more chances, but we will take the win."

The Cougars (4-2, 2-1) are at California Saturday in a 7 p.m. exhibition match.

Serra 4, California 0

The Trojans (3-3-1, 1-2-1) are 0-3-1 in their last four games following the Class A Section 1 contest.

HAIL TO THE VICTOR

Life is suddenly sweet for Michigan's Rich Rodriguez

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — If No. 25 Michigan is ranked somewhere in the final AP football poll four months from now, coach Rich Rodriguez will be proud.

Right now, he's not interested in the fact that the Wolverines are ranked for the first time with him on the sideline.

"I don't care right now," Rodriguez said. "I would hope that anybody in our program doesn't care, but it's nice for the fans. It's nice for whatever recognition that it gives the school. But there's only one (poll) that matters, and that's at the end of the year."

Rodriguez has liked what he's seen so far from Michigan, beating then-No. 18 Notre Dame in the final seconds Saturday and routing Western Michigan in the opener, and yet he added it's too early to know how good the Wolverines or any team is after just two games.

"I've said it for many years, they should not even start the polls until October, because how do you know?" Rodriguez asked. "There are so many factors going into it. But the polls are good for fan interest. It brings interest to the game.

"I'm not dismissing the polls. That's fun for people to follow it. But from a coaching standpoint, from a player's standpoint, big deal."

Freshman quarterback Tate Forcier, who made the game-winning throw and scored on a long run against Notre Dame, said he was surprised to see the Wolverines were ranked.

"I was pretty happy," said Forcier, who is a Big Ten player of the week along with teammate Darryl Stonum, who had a 94-yard kickoff return for a TD against the Fighting Irish. "We have to keep pushing forward and hopefully we'll move up."

The 2-0 Wolverines will host Eastern Michigan at noon Saturday.

Rodriguez has to help Michigan deal with success for the first time since replacing Lloyd Carr after the 2008 season. Michigan lost a school-record nine games last year in Rodriguez's debut season with college football's winningest program.

The Wolverines (2-0) are expected to surpass last season's win total, with home games against Eastern Michigan and Indiana up next before their first road game on Oct. 3 at Michigan State.

The coach said he planned to tell his players they may have won over a few doubters with their performances the past two weeks.

"But it just takes one bad performance for all that positive vibe to go away," he said. "We'll talk quite a bit about that this week, playing to our capabilities and playing with the same intensity all the time."

The Wolverines are favored by more than three TDs against Eastern Michigan, which is coached by former Michigan defensive coordinator Ron English.

A season ago, oddsmakers made Michigan a heavy favorite to beat Toledo and it lost to a Mid-American Conference school for the first time in school history.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Tennessee at No. 1 Florida, 3:30 p.m. Saturday on CBS. This is the first meeting since new Volunteers coach Lane Kiffin accused Florida's Urban Meyer of recruiting violations in February. Kiffin was reprimanded by the SEC and later apologized.

SPOTLIGHT GAMES

No. 19 Nebraska at No. 13 Virginia Tech, 3:30 p.m. Saturday on ESPN. In Saturday's only matchup of ranked teams, the Cornhuskers' defense will try to slow Hokies runners Ryan Williams and David Wilson, who both topped 160 yards last week against Marshall.

Sarkisian

No. 3 Southern California at Washington, 3:30 p.m. Saturday on ABC. The Trojans will open Pac-10 play against their former offensive coordinator, Steve Sarkisian, who now coaches the Huskies.

AREA TEAMS

Saturday

Temple at No. 5 Penn State, noon
West Virginia at Auburn, 7:45 p.m., ESPN2
Navy at Pitt, 6 p.m.

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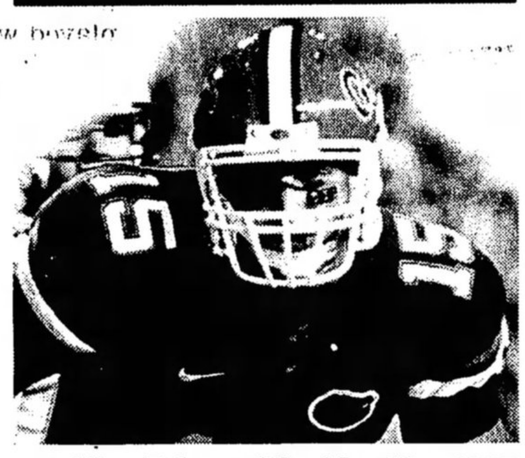

○ **Tim Tebow, Florida**. The 2007 Heisman winner had 237 passing yards and 71 rushing yards in last week's win over Troy. He will face Tennessee Saturday.

○ **Colt McCoy, Texas**. The all-purpose quarterback threw for 337 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another in last week's romp over Wyoming. The Longhorns host Texas Tech tomorrow.

○ **Jahvid Best, California**. The Golden Bears' dynamic running back put up his second straight 100-yard game, torching Eastern Washington for 144 yards and two touchdowns.

QUOTABLE

"You felt like it's been a nine-year honeymoon? You must not have liked your honeymoon."

Coach Jim Tressell to a reporter asking if his honeymoon at Ohio State is over.

Pearls of wisdom from JoePa

Observers of a Joe Paterno news conference may get a discourse on history, a treatise on current events or insight into the life of a coaching legend. Here are some snippets offered by the 82-year-old Paterno this week, each ending with the room erupting in laughter:

JoePa and the polls

Told that his team is No. 5: "No, don't get me into that. I don't know what we are, for crying out loud. Honest to God, are we No. 5? Is that what you're telling me?" Later he added, "I don't know that we're No. 5. You guys don't seem to understand. I don't read anything about us. I get the paper. I go to the bathroom. I take the paper in there and I scan it. The first thing I do is look at who died. All right. Second thing I look at are headlines. Something that says, 'Paterno is the Greatest,' I read it. If it says I'm a bum, I don't even look at it."

JoePa on grooming

What about LB Josh Hull's mustache?

"Has he got a mustache?" Then he acknowledges, "I guess I've seen it, but I haven't noticed it. As long as it's not coming down to his neck. ... Is it?"

Informed that the mustache is not going down to Hull's neck, Paterno added, "Then he's all right. Geez, you guys must think I go around ... It's like that major in M.A.S.H., come out and review (the company) every morning. No. Great kid. Doing great. Playing well. Heck of a student. He's an engineer, 3.5 grade-point average. If he wants a mustache, that's OK."

JoePa on the future of newspapers

"I feel bad about the way things have gone with the newspaper business, with the computers (Internet) ... taking away some of the great guys I've known and who wrote well who set a standard for writing. Grantland Rice and those guys. ... I love to read the newspapers. I'd love to read the sports page, but to be very frank with you, I don't because so much of it is you guys (printing stories to keep up with the competition). ... It's a different world and it's not the kind of world that I'm comfortable with."

He concluded, "That's a speech. I usually get 100 bucks for that."

USC's Barkley slowed by bruised shoulder

Matt Barkley

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Southern California quarterback Matt Barkley is still unable to throw in practice, increasing the possibility the freshman won't start the No. 3 Trojans' upcoming game at Washington.

Although the bone bruise in Barkley's right shoulder felt much better Tuesday than it did after last week's victory at Ohio State, sophomore Aaron Corp worked with USC's first-team offense for the second straight day.

Barkley, who burst into national attention with his fourth-quarter play against the Buckeyes despite the injury, was held out of throwing drills.

"I tried this morning, and it felt pretty bad," Barkley said. "I can't really bring my shoulder back. ... I thought I was going to be able to throw today, but it has gotten better. I think it's progressing."

Coach Pete Carroll didn't set a deadline for naming a starting quarterback, but he praised Corp's practice performance.

"We'll make the determination when it seems right," Carroll said.

Safety Taylor Mays also missed practice for the second straight day with a sprained right knee ligament, but the senior All-American plans to suit up Saturday in his hometown before deciding whether to miss a game for the first time in his college career.

Barkley was hurt in the second half of USC's 18-15 victory in Columbus, but he stayed in the game to lead the decisive 86-yard drive in the final minutes. Although he can't throw, he has studied the film of the drive that instantly carved out a small place in USC history for him — and even more clearly for tailback Joe McKnight, who did most of the work.

"Still the same thought: it was crazy," Barkley said. "It was awesome. ... I thought I played well. There were about two or three reads that I messed up on. There were bringing it with their blitzes and fronts, but I thought it was good."

Barkley beat out Corp for the chance to replace Mark Sanchez during training camp, but the freshman was helped when Corp developed a small crack in a bone below his left knee during USC's third practice. Though Corp returned to practice several days later, he's only five weeks through a projected six-week path to full recovery.

Corp believes he's about "95 percent," saying he can do just about anything the coaches require.

"I definitely feel like the starter, at least pretending to be," Corp said. "If I can keep playing well and give our team a chance to get better, that's what I'll do."

SPORTS

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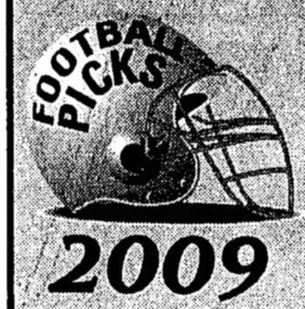

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Charleroi at Brownsville	Charleroi	Charleroi	Brownsville	Charleroi	Charleroi
Georgia at Arkansas	Georgia	Arkansas	Arkansas	Georgia	Georgia
Steelers at Bears	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
Browns at Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos
Ravens at Chargers	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Chargers	Ravens
Giants at Cowboys	Giants	Cowboys	Giants	Cowboys	Giants
Seahawks at 49ers	49ers	Seahawks	49ers	49ers	Seahawks
Colts at Dolphins	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts
Last week	5-5	5-5	5-5	7-3	7-3
Season record	5-5	5-5	5-5	7-3	7-3

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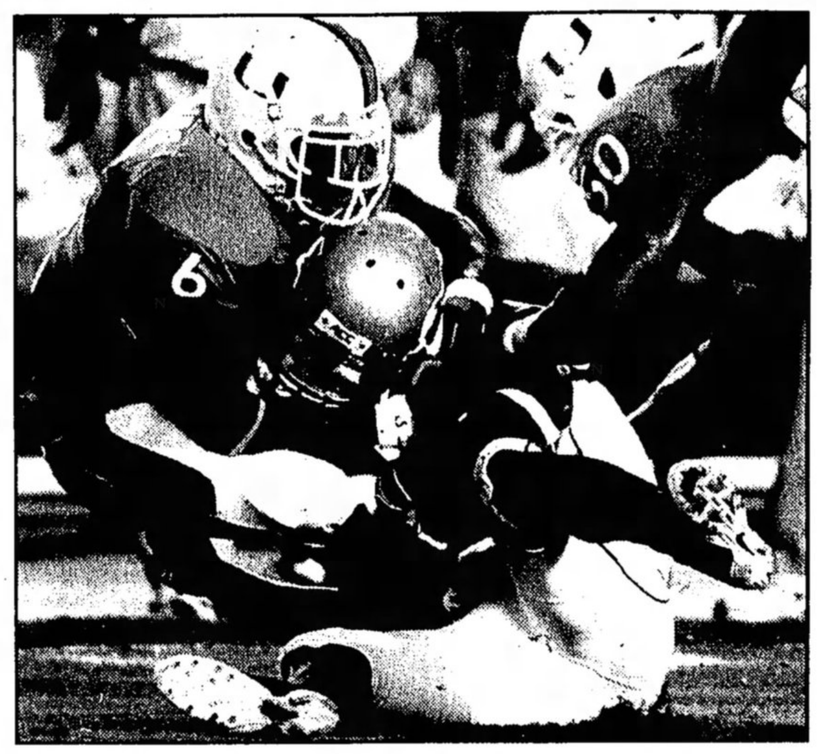
Miami rocks Ga. Tech

Hurricanes' 33-17 win ends hex against Yellow Jackets.



Georgia Tech's Embry Peeples is collared by Miami's Randy Phillips during e second quarter.

MIAMI (AP) — Randy Shannon rarely reveals much in the way of emotion.

Miami's coach couldn't help himself Thursday night.

Jacory Harris completed 20 of 25 passes for 270 yards and three touchdowns, and the 20th-ranked Hurricanes snapped a four-game losing streak against No. 14 Georgia Tech with a 33-17 victory — maybe Miami's most significant win in years.

Two years removed from the ignominy of 5-7, Miami has opened this year with wins over consecutive opponents. For a coach in need of a contract extension, talk about perfect timing.

"Big win for us tonight," Shannon said. "Big, huge win. Big for this football team and this program."

Miami scored on its first three possessions, built a 24-3 lead shortly after halftime and outgained the Yellow Jackets by nearly a 2-to-1 margin.

"One thing I congratulate this team on is how we stay focused," Harris said. "You know, there's a lot of people around campus and in the community, they praise us now and they've got our back and all this. But the thing I know about this team, we're not (letting) anything go to our head."

Miami (2-0, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) matched its best league start since 2004, outgained Georgia Tech 454-228 and set up a Coastal Division showdown at Virginia Tech on Sept. 26. Graig Cooper ran for 93 yards, Javarris James rushed for 72 more and a touchdown, and LaRon Byrd caught five passes for 83 yards and another score.

Georgia Tech (2-1, 1-1) blew Miami out a year ago, dooming the Hurricanes' conference title hopes by rushing for 472 yards. This time, Miami handled the triple option with relative ease, holding the Yellow Jackets to 95 yards rushing — 60 of those coming on the game's first drive.

Tech's reigning ACC player of the year, fullback Jonathan Dwyer, was slowed by a shoulder injury (only a stinger, he said afterward) and finished with 7 yards on five carries. Josh Nesbitt completed 6 of 15 passes, all to Demaryius Thomas, for 133 yards, including a 56-yard touchdown midway through the fourth quarter.

"We could never get them off the field," Georgia Tech coach Paul Johnson said. "In a game like that, you better maximize and we didn't. We played very poorly on offense."

Miami didn't.

Other than two late missed field goals by Matt Bosher, there wasn't much for Miami to complain about, and the Hurricanes sauntered off celebrating their most significant win in years. Even tight end Jimmy Graham — who spent four years on Miami's basketball team — got into the act, catching a 14-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter.

Graham was the only Miami player ever to beat Georgia Tech before: He was 4-1 against the Yellow Jackets in basketball.

"This offense is not selfish," Byrd said. "As long as we're winning."

Coach acquitted in player's death

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A former Kentucky high school football coach was found not guilty Thursday in the death of a player who collapsed at a practice where the team was put through a series of sprints on a hot summer day.

Attorneys said the case was the first time a football coach was charged in the death of a player. It was closely watched by those involved in youth athletics and has already resulted in changes to Kentucky law and other efforts to make practices safer for athletes.

Former Pleasure Ridge Park High School coach David Jason Stinson, 37, was charged after 15-year-old Max Gilpin collapsed at an August 2008 practice as the team ran a series of sprints known as "gassers." He died three days later at a Louisville hospital of heat stroke, sepsis and multiple organ failure. His temperature reached at least 107 degrees.

The jury deliberated for about 90 minutes, and Stinson hugged defense attorney Brian Butler after the verdict was read.

"That's why they came back quickly, because he was innocent," said Butler, who characterized the prosecution on charges of reckless homicide and wanton endangerment as a "witch hunt." Stinson left without speaking to reporters.

During the trial, players said Stinson ordered the gassers as punishment for the lack of effort they showed at practice on a day where the temperature and heat index were both 94 degrees.

Prosecutors relied on a series of Gilpin's teammates who testified that several teens became ill during the gassers, vomiting or bowing out with ailments.

Several experts testified that Gilpin suffered from exertional heat stroke, which led to his death. One witness, University of Connecticut associate professor Douglas Casa, testified Gilpin could have been saved if he'd been immersed in ice water almost immediately after collapsing.

Stinson's defense relied on players who testified that they only ran a few more wind sprints than normal that day. Three of Gilpin's classmates, along with his stepmother, testified that Gilpin complained of not feeling well throughout the day he collapsed.

Defense medical experts told jurors that it appeared a combination of heat, the use of the dietary supplement creatine and attention deficit disorder drug Adderall, and being ill were the main factors that contributed to Gilpin's death, which they called an accident.

The medical experts also said little could have been done to save Gilpin because his temperature was so high for so long before he made it to the hospital and began cooling down.

SPORTS DIGEST

Ringgold in volleyball win

Ringgold's volleyball team evened its record at 2-2 with a 3-1 win over Connellsville.

The Lady Rams sandwiched 25-18, 25-17 and 26-24 victories around a 25-23 loss.

Ringgold was led by Sam Helmantoler (30 points and 11 kills) and Rachel Jubic (15 points).

BVA cagers down Frazier

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball team downed Frazier, 38-18.

Meaghan Murphy (9), Mackenzie Taylor (8) and Tiernie Singleton (7) combined for 24 points for the Little Lady Leps (3-1, 3-0).

Lauren Somer and Lauren Timko were high for Frazier with eight and six points, respectively.

Former Pen Sykora signs with Wild

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Wild have signed right wing Petr Sykora to a one-year, $1.6 million contract.

Sykora skated with the team on a tryout basis for two practices, and once he passed his physical the deal was done on Thursday.

"I guess I had a good practice," Sykora joked.

The 32-year-old ranked fourth on the Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins last season with 46 points in 76 games. He had 25 goals, giving him 300 over his 14-year career. Sykora has played in the Stanley Cup finals five times.

"It's a tough market out there right now," Wild general manager Chuck Fletcher said. "He was surprised he wasn't able to land a job earlier."

Sykora turned down richer offers to play in Russia.

"I'm very excited to be a part of the change here in Minnesota," said the Czech Republic native who has played for five other NHL teams, first with the New Jersey Devils in 1995 after they made him their first-round draft pick.

Eagles hoping McNabb will play

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Eagles aren't giving up hope of having Donovan McNabb on the field when they play their home opener Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

McNabb made a brief appearance on the practice field Thursday afternoon but did not take part in any drills, after fracturing his rib on a touchdown run late in Philadelphia's 38-10 victory over the Carolina Panthers last weekend.

"Donovan is working very hard," offensive coordinator Marty Mornhinweg said. "You know Donovan, he's doing everything in his power to get back out there, make it to this game. He's played with a broken ankle, a broken sternum and all these things. Donovan is a very tough man."

If McNabb isn't available, the Eagles will go with Kevin Kolb, the team's second-round draft pick in 2007. Kolb would make his first NFL start ahead of veteran Jeff Garcia, who signed Tuesday as an emergency backup.

"If Kevin starts the game, he's our quarterback," Mornhinweg said. "It's that simple. I don't know if I can be anymore clear. I have great confidence in Kevin."

Gonzalez out; Indy gets Baskett

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Anthony Gonzalez may be out longer than the Colts first feared and they appear to have a replacement for him, too.

Coach Jim Caldwell said the third-year receiver could miss up to two months after spraining ligaments in his right knee during Sunday's 14-12 victory over Jacksonville.

Indy has signed former Philadelphia receiver Hank Baskett to take Gonzalez's place, and three-time league MVP Peyton Manning hopes he can find his way around the offense fast. The team made the announcement following Thursday's practice.

"Hopefully we can catch him up as soon as possible," Manning said. "It's a lot of offense to learn in a couple of days but he's a veteran, so he could help us."

Team president Bill Polian said this past Monday that the Colts would only sign a veteran receiver if Gonzalez was expected to miss more than four weeks. The next day, in an interview on NFL Network, Polian acknowledged Gonzalez was going to get a second opinion on the injured knee.

Trivia answer

Terry Bradshaw, Kordell Stewart and Neil O'Donnell.

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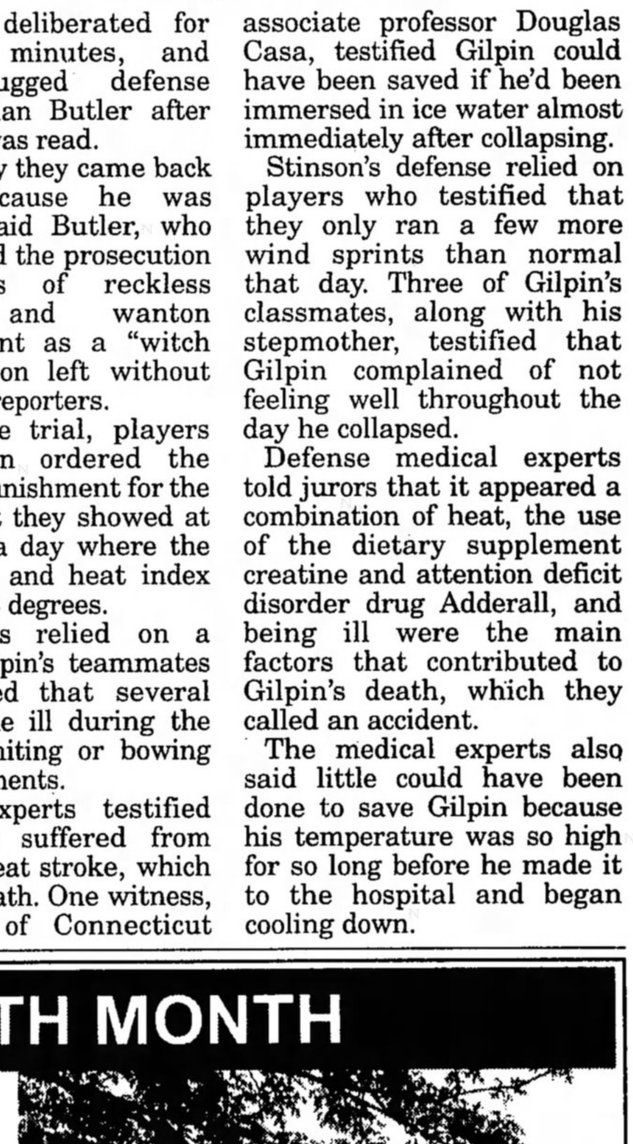

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Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	85	60	.586	—
Atlanta	78	68	.534	7 1/2
Florida	78	69	.531	8
New York	63	84	.429	23
Washington	50	96	.342	35 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	85	62	.578	—
Chicago	75	70	.517	9
Milwaukee	71	75	.486	13 1/2
Houston	70	76	.479	14 1/2
Cincinnati	68	79	.463	17
Pittsburgh	55	89	.382	28 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	88	59	.599	—
Colorado	83	64	.565	5
San Francisco	79	67	.541	8 1/2
San Diego	66	81	.449	22
Arizona	64	83	.435	24

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee 7, Chicago Cubs 4
Philadelphia 4, Washington 2
Cincinnati 3, Florida 2
Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 3

Today's Games

San Diego (Stauffer 4-6) at Pittsburgh (Morton 3-8), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (VandenHurk 2-2) at Cincinnati (H.Bailey 5-5), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (J.Martin 4-4) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 10-10), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Happ 10-4) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 1-0), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Norris 5-3) at Milwaukee (Narveson 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lilly 12-8) at St. Louis (Smoltz 1-1), 8:15 p.m.
Colorado (Marquis 15-11) at Arizona (Mulvey 0-1), 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Sanchez 6-12) at L.A. Dodgers (V.Padilla 3-0), 10:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	94	53	.639	—
Boston	86	59	.593	7
Tampa Bay	74	73	.503	20
Toronto	66	80	.452	27 1/2
Baltimore	60	86	.411	33 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	78	68	.534	—
Minnesota	74	72	.507	4
Chicago	72	75	.490	6 1/2
Cleveland	61	85	.418	17
Kansas City	59	87	.404	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	87	59	.596	—
Texas	80	65	.552	6 1/2
Seattle	76	71	.517	11 1/2
Oakland	68	78	.466	19

Thursday's Games

Kansas City 9, Detroit 2
Seattle 4, Chicago White Sox 3, 14 innings
Tampa Bay 3, Baltimore 0
L.A. Angels 4, Boston 3
Oakland 5, Cleveland 2

Today's Games

Boston (Buchholz 5-3) at Baltimore (Guthrie 10-14), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Richmond 6-9) at Tampa Bay (J.Shields 9-11), 7:38 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Kazmir 8-8) at Texas (Tom.Hunter 8-3), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 13-8) at Minnesota (Duensing 3-1), 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Hochevar 6-10) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 12-8), 8:11 p.m.
Cleveland (D.Huff 10-7) at Oakland (Bre.Anderson 9-10), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (A.Burnett 11-9) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 15-5), 10:10 p.m.

Frontier League finals

Best-of-5 Series

Today

Lake Erie at River City, 8:05 p.m., River City leads series, 1-0

Sunday, Sep. 20

River City at Lake Erie, 7:05 p.m.

Monday, Sep. 21

River City at Lake Erie, 7:05 p.m. (if necessary)

WNBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-3)
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Indiana 1, Washington 0

Thursday, Sept. 17: Indiana 88, Washington 79
Saturday, Sept. 19: Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Detroit 1, Atlanta 0

Today: Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, Sept. 20: Detroit at Atlanta, 3 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio 1, Phoenix 0

Thursday, Sept. 17: San Antonio 92, Phoenix 91
Saturday, Sept. 19: San Antonio at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Los Angeles 1, Seattle 0

Today: Los Angeles at Seattle, 10 p.m.
x-Sunday, Sept. 20: Los Angeles at Seattle, 5 p.m.

MLS standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	11	4	9	42	36	26
Chicago	10	6	9	39	34	29
D.C.	8	6	12	36	39	38
Toronto FC	9	9	7	34	33	36
New England	9	8	6	33	28	32
Kansas City	7	11	6	27	25	32
New York	4	17	4	16	20	42

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	11	8	7	40	32	24
Los Angeles	9	5	11	38	31	29
Seattle	9	6	10	37	31	24
Colorado	10	8	6	36	38	30
Chivas USA	11	9	3	36	25	24
Real SaltLake	9	9	7	34	36	28
FC Dallas	7	11	6	27	39	40
San Jose	5	12	5	20	27	40

Today's Games

New England at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 11 p.m.

Sports dial

Today

Television

3 p.m. - ESPN2 - NASCAR Sprint Cup qualifying, auto racing.
3:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Greater Hickory Open, golf.

Song-Hee Kim will try to maintain her lead in the LPGA's Sansung World Championship, 8:30 p.m., on The Golf Channel.

6:30 p.m. - Golf Channel - Boise Open, golf,tape.
7 p.m - PCN - Manheim Central at Lancaster Catholic, high school football.
7:05 p.m. - Fox Sports - San Diego at Pittsburgh, baseball.
8:30 p.m. - Golf Chanel - Samsung World Championship, golf, tape.
9 p.m. - ESPN - Boise State at Fresno State, college football.
10:30 p.m. - Versus - IRL Japan 300, auto racing.11 p.m. - ESPN2 - Colorado at San Jose, soccr.

Radio

7 p.m. - KQV (1410) - Canon-McMillan at Woodland Hills, high school football.
7 p.m. - WJAS (1320) - West Mifflin at Elizabeth Forward, high school football.
7:05 p.m, - WPGB (104.7 FM) - San Diego at Pittsburgh, baseball.
7:30 p.m. - WLSW (103.9 FM) - Mt. Pleasant at Waynesburg, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - WBGG (970) - Seton-LaSalle at Canevin, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - WJPA (95.3 FM) - Trinity at Thomas Jefferson, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - WMBS (590) - Uniontown at Derry, high school football.
7:30 p.m. - WEAE (1250) - Upper St.Clair at North Allegheny, high school football.

Boys' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Canon-McMillan	2	0	0	5	0	0
Peters Township	2	0	0	3	1	1
Upper St. Clair	1	1	0	4	1	0
Moon	1	1	0	2	2	1
Ringgold	0	2	0	5	2	0
Trinity	0	2	0	1	6	0

Thursday

Canon-McMillan 1, Ringgold 0
Moon 1, Trinity 0
Peters Twp. 1, Upper St. Clair 0

Class AA
Section 3

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
	W	L	T	W	L	T
South Park	4	0	0	4	1	0
Belle Vernon Area	3	0	1	6	1	1
S'moreland	3	1	0	3	2	0
Thomas Jefferson	2	1	1	3	3	1
Elizabeth Forward	1	3	0	3	4	0
Steel Valley	1	3	0	2	4	0
Uniontown	1	3	0	1	5	0
Yough	0	4	0	0	4	0

Thursday

BV Area 2, Elizabeth 1
Uniontown 5, Yough 0
S'moreland 4, Steel Valley 1
South Park 1, Thomas Jefferson 0

Class A
Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Grb. Central	4	0	0	4	1	0
Serra	3	1	0	4	1	0
Winchster Thurstn	2	1	1	2	2	1
Geibel	2	2	0	4	2	0
Trinity Christian	2	2	0	3	2	0
California	1	2	1	3	3	1
South Allegheny	1	3	0	1	4	0
Brownsville	0	4	0	0	6	0

Thursday

Serra 4, California 0
Winchester Thurston 1, Geibel 0
Grb. Central 11, Brownsville 0
Trinity Christian 9, South Allegheny 1

Section 4

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Carlynton	3	0	0	5	1	0
Bentworth	3	1	0	3	4	0
Charleroi	2	1	0	4	2	0
Monessen	2	2	0	3	3	0
C-Houston	2	2	0	2	5	1
Beth-Center	0	3	0	2	3	0
Brentwood	0	3	0	1	3	0

Thursday

Monessen 1, Beth-Center 0
Bentworth 5, Brentwood 3
Charleroi 4, C-Houston 2

Girls' soccer standings

Class AAA
Section 5

	League W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Mt. Lebanon	3	0	0	4	1	0
Canon-McMillan	2	0	0	5	1	0
Upper St. Clair	2	0	0	2	1	0
Trinity	1	2	0	3	3	0
Ringgold	1	2	0	3	4	0
Elizabeth Forward	0	2	0	1	4	0
West Mifflin	0	3	0	1	5	0

Thursday

Canon McMillan 5, Seton-LaSalle 1

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Yough	3	0	0	4	1	0
Belle Vernon Area	2	0	1	3	2	1
S'moreland	2	0	1	2	1	1
Connellsville	2	1	0	3	3	0
Uniontown	1	2	0	2	3	0
Waynesburg	1	2	0	1	4	0
Laurel Highlands	0	3	0	1	5	0
Albert Gallatin	0	3	0	0	5	0

Thursday

Yough 3, Derry 1

Class AA
Section 1

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
South Park	3	0	0	5	1	0
McGuffey	3	0	0	4	1	0
South Fayette	2	0	0	3	1	1
Charleroi	1	2	0	4	3	0
Beth-Center	0	2	0	2	3	0
C-Houston	0	2	0	0	6	0
Bentworth	0	3	0	2	3	0

Thursday

Beth-Center 2, Serra 1

Section 6

	Sec. W	L	T	Overall W	L	T
Jeannette	2	0	1	3	1	2
Geibel	2	0	0	3	2	0
Grb. Central	1	1	0	3	2	1
Mt. Pleasant	2	1	0	3	2	0
St. Joseph	1	2	0	2	4	0
Monessen	0	1	1	2	2	1
East Allegheny	0	3	0	1	3	0

Thursday

Geibel 3, East Allegheny 2

Area golf

At Cedarbrook
Uniontown - 205

Ben Samspon, 38; Mason Fordyce and Zack Nelson, 40; Josh Nelson, 43; Brian David, 44. Non-count: Ryan Fike, 48.

Ringgold - 212

Rico Rodriguez, 37; Mike Yavorsky, 41; Devin DiPiazza, 43; Connor Kane, 44; Colin McCormick, 47. Non-count: Nick-Feld, 49.

Youth football

Mon Valley Midget League
Schedule
Saturday

11 a.m. - Rostraver at Frazier
Noon - Brownsville at California; Elizabeth Forward at Yough; Monongahela at Donora; Union-Finley at Charleroi
1 p.m. - Bentworth at Beth-Center

Sunday

Noon - Monessen at Southmoreland; South Allegheny at Norwin.

High school football

Class AAA
Big Seven Conference

	League W	L	Overall W	L
Belle Vernon Area	0	0	2	0
Elizabeth Forward	0	0	2	0
Thomas Jefferson	0	0	2	0
West Mifflin	0	0	2	0
Chartiers Valley	0	0	2	0
Ringgold	0	0	1	1
Trinity	0	0	0	2

Today

BV Area at Chartiers Valley
Trinity at Thomas Jefferson
West Mifflin at Elizabeth Forward
Southmoreland at Ringgold

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Albert Gallatin	0	0	1	1
Uniontown	0	0	1	1
Greensburg Salem	0	0	1	1
Yough	0	0	0	2
Derry	0	0	0	2
Laurel Highlands	0	0	0	2
Southmoreland	0	0	0	2

Today

Yough at Laurel Highlands
Greensburg at Albert Gallatin
Uniontown at Derry
Southmoreland at Ringgold

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Jeannette	2	0	2	0
Mt. Pleasant	2	0	2	0
Brownsville	1	1	1	1
Greensburg Central	1	1	1	1
Washington	1	1	1	1
Charleroi	1	1	1	1
Waynesburg	1	1	1	1
McGuffey	1	1	1	1
South Allegheny	0	2	0	2
East Allegheny	0	2	0	2

Today

Charleroi at Brownsville
McGuffey at East Allegheny
Washington at Grb. Central
Mt. Pleasant at Waynesburg
Jeannette at South Allegheny

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Jefferson-Morgan	0	0	2	0
California	0	0	1	1
Beth-Center	0	0	1	1
Geibel	0	0	1	1
Monessen	0	0	0	2
Carmichaels	0	0	0	2
West Greene	0	0	0	2
Mapletown	0	0	0	2

Today

Mapletown at Monessen
Beth-Center at Carmichaels
Geibel at Jeff-Morgan
West Greene at California

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	L	Overall W	L
Fort Cherry	0	0	2	0
Chartiers-Houston	0	0	2	0
Serra	0	0	2	0
Bentworth	0	0	1	1
Avella	0	0	1	1
Frazier	0	0	1	1
Clairton	0	0	1	1
Burgettstown	0	0	1	1

Today

Bentworth at Fort Cherry
C-Houston at Avella
Frazier at Clairton
Serra at Burgettstown

Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Placed RHP Kam Mickolio on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sept. 7.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Crow on a three-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Tanner Scheppers.

National League

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Acquired C Jamie Burke from Seattle for cash considerations. Placed C Jesus Flores on the 60-Day DL.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

HOUSTON ROCKETS—Promoted director of player personnel Gersson Rosas to vice president of player personnel.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Signed G Sasha Pavlovic to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Signed G Sun Yue.
PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS—Signed F Juwan Howard to a one-year contract.
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed G-F Desmond Mason to a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed TE Jonathan Stupar to the practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS—Placed CB Trumaine McBride on the waived/injured list. Claimed CB DeAngelo Smith off waivers from Cleveland.
DETROIT LIONS—Claimed DE Turk McBride off waivers from Kansas City.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Released DE James Wyche. Signed DE Jeremy Navarre from the practice squad. Signed DE Zach Potter to the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES—Returned F Zack Kassian to Peterborough (OHL), F Luke Adam to Cape Breton (QMJHL), F Marcus Foligno to Sudbury (OHL), F Jacob Lagace to Chicoutimi (QMJHL), D Nick Crawford to Saginaw (OHL) and D Brayden McNabb to Kootenay (WHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Released F Tim Miller and G Andrew Loverock.
EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned RW Jamie Bates, D Jordan Bendfeld, RW Kelly Czuy, D Jesse Dudas, LW Riley Emmerson, LW Colton Fretter, LW Bryan Lerg, RW Ryan MacMurchy, D Matt Dickerson, G Andrew Perugini and D Cody Wild to Springfield (AHL).
MINNESOTA WILD—Signed RW Petr Sykora to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned G Miika Wiikman, D Trevor Glass, D Brent Henley, D Sam Klassen, D Mike Sauer, D David Urquhart, D Nigel Williams, F Andres Ambuhl, F Daniel Bartek, F Devin DiDiomete, F Brodie Dupont, F Dan LaCouture, F Matt Maccarone, F Justin Soryal and F Dale Weise to Hartford (AHL). Returned G Scott Stajcer to Owen Sound (OHL), D Tomas Kundratek to Medicine Hat (WHL), F Ryan Bourque to Quebec (QMJHL), F Roman Horak to Chilliwack (WHL) and F Ethan Werek to Kingston (OHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned D Drew Bannister, D Tomas Kudekla, F Erik Condra, F Denis Hamel, F Jim O'Brien and G Chris Holt to Binghamton (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Assigned D Mathieu Brodeur to Cape Breton (QMJHL), RW Jared Staal to Sudbury (OHL) and D Michael Stone to Calgary (WHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Re-assigned RW Dan DaSilva, C Dean Strong and LW T.J. Trevelyan to Worcester (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Assigned F Adam Cracknell, F Mitch Love, F Chris Morehouse, F Anthony Peluso, F Adrian Veideman, D T.J. Fast, D Justin Fletcher, D Alex Hellstrom, D Ryan Turek and G Sebastian Dahm to Peoria (AHL). Returned F James Livingston to Sault Ste. Marie (OHL), F Tyler Shattock to Kamloops (WHL), D Mark Cundari to Windsor (OHL) and D Brett Ponich to Portland (WHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned C Mitch Fadden, D Scott Jackson, C Chris Lawrence and D Kevin Quick to Norfolk (AHL).

Latest Line

NFL

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Sunday, Sept 20		
Week Two		
KANSAS CITY	3 (38)	Oakland
TENNESSEE	6 1/2 (41)	Houston
New England	3 1/2 (46)	NY JETS
GREEN BAY	9 (42)	Cincinnati
Minnesota	9 1/2 (47)	DETROIT
PHILADELPHIA	1 (47)	N. Orleans
ATLANTA	6 1/2 (43)	Carolina
WASHINGTON	10 (37)	St. Louis
J'VILLE	3 (43)	Arizona
SAN FRAN	1 1/2 (39)	Seattle
BUFFALO	5 (42)	Tampa Bay
DENVER	3 (38)	Cleveland
SAN DIEGO	3 (40)	Baltimore
Pittsburgh	3 (38)	CHICAGO
DALLAS	3 (43)	NY Giants
Monday, Sept 21		
Indianapolis	3 (42)	MIAMI

College Football

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Today		
Boise St	7 1/2	FRESNO ST
Saturday, Sept 19		
ARMY	8	Ball St
PURDUE	13	Northern Illinois
MICHIGAN	24 1/2	E. Michigan
PITTSBURGH	7 1/2	Navy
Northwestern	3	SYRACUSE
CLEMSON	6 1/2	Boston College
PENN ST	29	Temple
N. CAROLINA	7	East Carolina
W. MICHIGAN	17	Miami-Ohio
VANDERBILT	9	Mississippi St
COLORADO	7	Wyoming
IOWA	5	Arizona
AKRON	4 1/2	Indiana
KANSAS	22	Duke
SO. MISS	16	Virginia
OREGON	4 1/2	Utah
Southern Cal	19 1/2	WASHINGTON
UCLA	12 1/2	Kansas St
VA TECH	4 1/2	Nebraska
NOTRE DAME	10	Michigan St
x-Ohio St	20 1/2	Toledo
AUBURN	7	West Virginia
FLORIDA	29 1/2	Tennessee
Smu	6 1/2	WASHINGTON ST
San Diego St	3 1/2	IDAHO
Nevada	3	COLORADO ST
Bowling Green	3	MARSHALL
California	14	MINNESOTA
CENTRAL FLA	4	Buffalo
OKLA. ST	32 1/2	Rice
OKLAHOMA	17	Tulsa
BAYLOR	10	Connecticut
TEXAS A&M	19	Utah St
KENTUCKY	13 1/2	Louisville
Iowa St	3	KENT ST
BYU	7	Florida St
ARKANSAS	1	Georgia
Air Force	17	NEW MEXICO
Texas El Paso	14	N. MEXICO ST
TEXAS	17 1/2	Texas Tech
UNLV	7	Hawaii
STANFORD	17	San Jose St
Cincinnati	1	OREGON ST
RUTGERS	14 1/2	Fl International
ALABAMA	38	North Texas
MARYLAND	6 1/2	Middle Tenn St
S. CAROLINA	21	Florida Atlantic
TROY	6 1/2	Ala-Birmingham
LSU	27	UL-Lafayette
ARIZONA ST	19 1/2	UL-Monroe

x-at Cleveland, OH.

NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	25	24
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	24	7
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	24	25
Miami	0	1	0	.000	7	19

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	14	12
Houston	0	1	0	.000	7	24
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	12	14
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	10	13

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	38	24
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	7	12
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	20	34

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	24	20
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	12	7
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	24	38
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	20	24

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	23	17
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	34	21
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	38	10
Washington	0	1	0	.000	17	23

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	45	27
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	19	7
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	38
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	21	34

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	21	15
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	34	20
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	15	21
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	27	45

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	20	16
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	28	0
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	16	20
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	0	28

Sunday, Sept. 20

Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Washington, 1 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 21

Indianapolis at Miami, 8:30 p.m

NHL preseason

Thursday's Games

Washington 4, Buffalo 3, OT
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 0
Montreal 3, Florida 2
Nashville 5, Atlanta 0
Colorado 3, Dallas 1
Calgary 5, N.Y. Islanders 4, SO
Vancouver 3, Anaheim 0
San Jose 2, Los Angeles 1

Today's Games

Nashville at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Florida at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Anaheim at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 4 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Calgary vs. N.Y. Islanders at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 8 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Fight schedule

National TV in parentheses

Today

At Miami (ESPN2), Giovanni Andrade, Brazil, vs. Guillermo Rigondeaux, Miami, 10, junior featherweights.

Saturday

At MGM Grand, Las Vegas, Floyd Mayweather, Las Vegas, vs. Juan Manuel Marquez, Anaheim, Calif., 12, welterweights; Chris John, Indonesia, vs. Rocky Juarez, Houston, 12, for John's WBA featherweight title; Vicente Escobedo, Woodland, Calif. vs. Michael Katsidis, Thailand, 12, for vacant interim WBO lightweight title; Orlando Cruz, Puerto Rico, vs. Cornelius Lock, Detroit, 10, featherweights..

At Neubrandenburg, Germany, Giovanni Lorenzo, New York, vs. Sebastian Sylvester, Germany, 12, for vacant IBF middleweight title.

Sept. 25

At The Bell Centre, Montreal, Jean Pascal, Canada, vs. Silvio Branco, Italy, 12, for Pascal's WBC light heavyweight title.

Sept. 26

At The O2, Dublin, Ireland, Bernard Dunne, Ireland, vs. Poonsawat Kratingdaenggym, Thailand, for Dunne's WBA super bantamweight title.

At Staples Center, Los Angeles, Vitali Klitschko, Los Angeles, vs. Chris Arreola, Riverside, Calif., 12, for Klitschko's WBC heavyweight title; Alexander Ustinov, Belarus, vs. Cedric Boswell, Atlanta, 12, for Ustinov's WBA European title; Johnathon Banks, Detroit, vs. Javier Mora, Anaheim, Calif., 10, heavyweights.

At UIC Pavilion, Chicago, David Diaz, Chicago, vs. Jesus Chavez, Austin, Texas, 10, lightweights.

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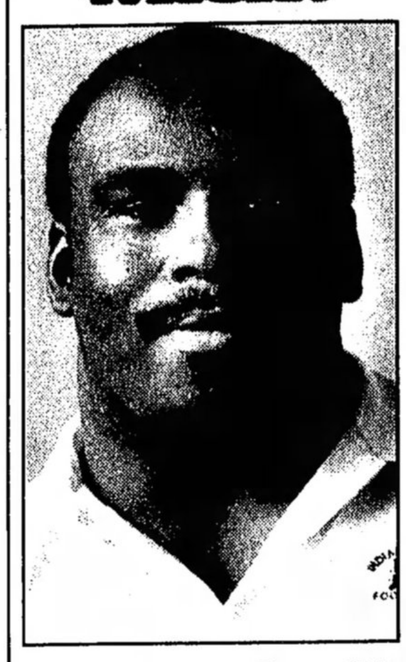

Charleroi's Jim Edwards was a running back at Indiana State University of Terre Haute in 1985.

Comeback

(FROM PAGE ONE)

running around making plays. I've done the no-huddle and that last-minute, throwing-it-around stuff in high school and college, so it just kind of brings back my childhood."

No matter how long he plays, Roethlisberger is likely to be best remembered for the 78-yard touchdown drive that ended with his 6-yard touchdown throw to Santonio Holmes with 35 seconds remaining to beat Arizona 27-23 in the Super Bowl.

No wonder his teammates were certain Tennessee wouldn't get the ball back after the Steelers won the coin toss to start overtime last week.

"That's what he's best at, I think, and he's proven it time after time," tight end Heath Miller said.

Offensive coordinator Bruce Arians knows it, too, and he essentially allows Roethlisberger to call what he wants in those situations, according to Holmes.

"When we're in those situations, we're looking to win," Holmes said.

Vulcans

(FROM PAGE ONE)

Freddie Bacco and Yough's Cody Wilson will handle the running duties with Yough's Justin Shaffer expected tosee more action at tight end.

Recruited as a quarterback and later switched to wide receiver, Shaffer has impressed uckhardt at his new position.

"He has a chance to be a pretty good tight end," he said.

Shaffer had two receptions for 40 yards at West Chester.

California's Josh Portis and A.J. Jackson are among the conference's leaders on offense.

Portis is fourth in total offense with 599 yasrds for an average of 199 a game with Jackson the No. 4 receiver with 16 receptions for 209 yards.

The Vulcans' Terrance Johnson is the No. 2 kick-returner with a 27-yard average while punter Derek Fiorenza's 40-yard average is good for third.

Senior linebacker Dontey Brown is tied for third with 30 tackles.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Dave Parker drove in both runs as Pittsburgh edged Montreal, 2-1, to give the front-running Pirates a one-game lead over the Expos in the National League East.

20 Years Ago

The Pittsburgh Steelers fell to 0-2 with their second straight blowout loss,41-10, to Cincinnati. The Bengals' Boomer Esiason threw for 328 yards and two touchdowns.

10 Years Ago

Matt Caponi's 97-yard kick return with 23 seconds remaining gave Baldwin a stunning 21-16 win at Ringgold. Todd James had given the Rams a 16-14 lead with a 22-yard field goal with 37 seconds to go.

Sophomore Chris Byrd ran for one touchdown and caught a TD pass from halfback Brent Jones in Monessen's 14-7 win over Carmichaels.

Playing only the first half, Josh Cramer completed eight of 12 passes for 123 yards and a touchdown and ran for 36 yards and another score in the Leps' 49-0 rmp over Southmoreland.

South Park's Jason Stewart ruined Charleroi's Homecoming by running for 264 yards and scoring four touchdowns in a 41-12 blowout.

Mom balks at daughter's plan to host direct-sale party

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Amelia," recently joined the ranks of a "direct sales force." She has asked me to make arrangements so she can present her products to my circle of friends. I love Amelia beyond words and would do anything to support her, but I told her that in this instance I felt I would be betraying my friends by "using" their friendship.

In my opinion, hosting a "party" for the purpose of selling makes the invitees feel obligated to buy something whether they need it or not. I told Amelia I don't want to put my friends in that position. My daughter took immediate offense and told me I was way off-base because attendees are "free to purchase products — or not — as they choose." In other words, I'm the one with the hang-up and it isn't necessarily shared by others.

It upsets me terribly that my daughter is now angry and thinks I have abandoned her because I'm uncomfortable supporting this effort. She has another successful career, so this venture is not a matter of financial life or death to her.

What should I do? — **IN A TOUGH SPOT IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR IN A SPOT: Direct sales companies are rapidly expanding their forces these days, in light of the recession. And many people regard it as an attractive opportunity to replace lost income or hedge against job loss. According to USA Today, there are now roughly 15 million direct sellers in the United States.

With all that "partying" going on — the objective of which is to sell, sell, sell — many people have wised up to the fact they are promotional rather than social in nature and refuse the invitations. I see nothing wrong with inviting your friends, as long as they understand, in advance, the purpose of the party as well as the fact that you won't be personally offended if they do not choose to participate.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "George," wears his false teeth only for church. He puts them in his pocket as soon as the service is over and won't wear them anywhere else. If I say anything, he gets furious and refuses to discuss it, even though I tell him it embarrasses me and it should embarrass him, too.

George is upset with the dentist who made the dentures. He went to another dental lab, wore them for one month, and then gave up. He also fusses with his hearing aids, glasses, etc. He's driving me crazy. What should I do? — **JANET IN OHIO**

DEAR JANET: If your husband's dentures were comfortable, he'd wear them. The dentist who made them should be contacted so adjustments can be made until they fit properly. If George won't make the call, do it for him and go along for moral support.

He may also need his vision checked by an ophthalmologist. His glasses may need refitting or replacing — or he may have a condition that should be treated ASAP, so don't put it off. Also, hearing aids take getting used to and the process can be frustrating — especially if your teeth are hurting and you're having difficulty seeing.

Poor George, if you think you're being driven crazy, imagine what he's going through and try to be patient.

DEAR ABBY: I have discovered that my daughter's day care director is seeing a married man. I removed my daughter from that center because the director is not the kind of person I want taking care of my child.

Should I let other parents know what is going on? — **MOMMY WITH PRINCIPLES**

DEAR MOMMY: I don't think so. In fact, I think you should mind your own business. People with principles not only don't cheat, they also have too much character to spread gossip.

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

FRIDAY EVENING — SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS 2 KDKA 7 WTRF 10 WTAJ	2 KDKA-TV News at Six 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 6	7 10 CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	2 CBS Evening News-Couric 7 Entertainment 10 Inside	2 The Insider (N) 7 Inside Edition (N) 10 Two and a Half Men	Ghost Whisperer "The Book of Changes" Melinda fears for her unborn child.		Medium "Bring Me the Head of Oswaldo Castillo" Allison dreams that she loses her entire family.		NUMB3RS "Angels and Devils" Amita's abduction leads the team to a charismatic sociopath.		2 KDKA-TV News at 11 7 News 10 WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Renee Zellweger; Gary Mule Deer.		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Neil Patrick Harris.		2 (:37) Extra 7 (:37) The Dr. Oz Show 10 (:37) Paid Programming	2 10 (:07) Paid Programming	2 7 (:37) Paid Programming 10 (:37) AutomotiveVision.TV
ABC 4 WTAE 23 WATM	4 Action News at 6 23 Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	4 Inside Edition Baseball rivalries. 23 Jeopardy!	4 Entertainment Tonight 23 Wheel of Fortune	The 2009 ALMA Awards Celebrating Latino artistic achievement. (N)				20/20 (N)		4 Ch. 4 Action News at 11 23 News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Christian Slater; Ed O'Neill; Sofía Vergara. (N)		4 (:06) Oprah Winfrey 23 (:06) Paid Programming	23 (:35) Paid Programming	4 (:06) Paid Programming 23 (:05) Jerry Springer (N)	4 (:36) Channel 4 Action News at 11
NBC 6 WJAC 9 WTOV 11 WPXI	6 WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) 9 News (N) 11 Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	6 Entertainment Tonight (N) 9 11 Jeopardy! (N)	6 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire 9 11 Wheel of Fortune "Las Vegas"	Dateline NBC				The Jay Leno Show Drew Barrymore; Jim Norton. (N)		6 WJAC-TV News 9 Sports 11 Ch. 11 News	6 11 (:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien (N) 9 (:45) High School Football John Marshall vs. Wheeling Park. (Same-day Tape)		6 11 (:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Danny DeVito; James Blake. (N)		6 11 (:36) Community "Pilot" Lawyer leads study group.	6 11 (:07) Poker After Dark (N) 9 (:15) Poker After Dark (N)	
FOX 8 WWCP 53 WPGH	8 The Simpsons 53 Two and a Half Men	8 That '70s Show 53 Frasier	8 Seinfeld 53 Two and a Half Men	8 Everybody Loves Raymond 53 Seinfeld	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? (Season Finale) George F. Smoot competes for $1 million. (N)		Glee "Acafellas" Will forms an all-male a cappella group named Acafellas.		8 News 53 Channel 11 News	8 (:35) Everybody Loves Raymond	8 (:05) Seinfeld 53 Seinfeld	8 (:35) Frasier 53 Scrubs	8 Star Trek: Next Gener. 53 Paid Program	53 Paid Programming	8 (:05) Paid Programming 53 Paid Programming	8 (:35) Paid Programming 53 Paid Programming	8 (:05) Paid Programming 53 George Lopez	8 Bugs Gone 53 House of Payne
13 WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	Off Q	Washington Week (N)	NOW on PBS (N)	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		American Soundtrack: Doo Wop's Greatest Hits A best-of compilation of doo-wop favorites.				Charlie Rose (N)		Chris Botti in Boston			Pink Floyd
19 WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Smallville "Doomsday"		The Beautiful Life: TBL "Pilot"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Mountaineer Magazine	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming
22 WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				Law Order: CI		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Foreclosure	Paid Prog	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
40 WPCB	Lest We Forget		Cornerstone Family Week: Lest We Forget (Live)								Cornerstone Family Week: Lest We Forget							
59 WBGN	TBA	RENO 911!	TBA	Paid Prog	The Dead Zone		ReGenesis "Baby Bomb"		Cheaters	RENO 911!	Punk'd	Cribs	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami "Double Cap"		Criminal Minds "Poison"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "Distress"		CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "Distress"	
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid Prog	P90X: Proof	Paid Prog	Ab Secrets
AMC	(4:00) ★★★★ "Dances With Wolves" (1990)				Lonesome Dove Two former Texas Rangers join a cattle drive to Montana Territory. (Part 1 of 2)								★★ "Psycho" (1998, Suspense) Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche.					Piñata
ANPL	Weird, True & Freaky		Natural World		Untamed and Uncut		Jockeys "Tilt" (N)		Animal Cops		Jockeys "Tilt"		Untamed and Uncut		Animal Cops		Natural World	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night		BBC World News America		Top Gear		Friday Night		Top Gear		Friday Night	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live				★ "A Low Down Dirty Shame" (1994, Action)				Frankie	Frankie	The Wendy Williams Show		★ "A Low Down Dirty Shame" (1994, Action)				The Wendy Williams Show	
BRAVO	Top Chef: Las Vegas		★★★ "The Green Mile" (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse, Michael Clarke Duncan.						(:45) ★★★ "The Green Mile" (1999) Tom Hanks. A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power.									Flipping Out
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home		Extreme Makeover: Home		Mobile Home Disaster		Terry Fator, Las Vegas		Comedy	Comedy	Comedy	Cable Guy	(12:15) ★★ "In the Army Now" (1994) Pauly Shore, Andy Dick.					Jacked Up
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Reports	Options	The Suze Orman Show		American Greed		Mad Money		Fast Money		American Greed		Paid Prog	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	RENO 911!	Presents	Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Scrubs	Bert Kreischer		Dave Attell: Captain Miser.		Mitch Fatel Is Magical (N)		Greg Giraldo: Midlife Vices		★★ "Waiting ..." (2005) (PA) Ryan Reynolds.			
CSPAN	House	Tonight From Washington									Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Loch Ness Monster		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		Swords: Life on the Line		A Haunting	
DISNEY	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Wizards	Montana	Phineas-Ferb	That's-Raven	Zack & Cody	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	★★ "Never Been Kissed"		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	Sexiest		Kourtney	Kourtney	The Soup (N)	Community	Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	The Soup	Girls	Soup	Girls	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)			NFL Live	College Football Live (Live)		College Football Boise State at Fresno State. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	College Football		Dream Team	NBA	Classics	60 Min.	NBA Basketball: 1993 Finals Game 2 -- Bulls at Suns				AWA Wrestling		AWA Wrestling		Boxing		Boxing	
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	Football Live	Interruption	The Faces of RBI 2009 (N)		Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live)				MLS Soccer Colorado Rapids at San Jose Earthquakes.				Baseball	NFL Live (N)	2009 World Series of Poker	
EWTN	Church-Poor	Spirit	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Crossing	Holy Rosary	Defending	St Josemaria	Rome	Bookmark	Daily Mass: Our Lady		The World Over		Catholic	Defending
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge Seafood chefs.		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City (N)		Good Eats	Rachael	Diners	Diners	Chefs vs. City		Good Eats	Rachael
FSN	Pirates	Pregame	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Pittsburgh Pirates. From PNC Park in Pittsburgh.						Pirates Post.	Final Score	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Pittsburgh Pirates.				Final Score	Final Score	Best Damn 100	
FX	(4:30) ★★★ "The Last Samurai" (2003)		★★★ "Troy" (2004, Adventure) Brad Pitt, Eric Bana. Achilles leads Greek forces in the Trojan War.								Sons of Anarchy		(12:02) ★★ "Pathfinder" (2007, Adventure) Karl Urban.				Paid Prog	Bosley Hair
GOLF	Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Nationwide Tour				LPGA Tour Golf: Samsung World Championship				Ryder Cup Highlights		Golf Central	PGA Tour Golf: Champions -- Greater Hickory Classic				LPGA Tour Golf	
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lingo	Millionaire	Catch 21	Newlywed	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		"Citizen Jane" (2009) Ally Sheedy, Meat Loaf Aday.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House	House	Property	Property	House	House	Design Star		Bang, Buck	Unsellable	Property	Property	House	House	Design Star	
HIST	Conspiracy?		Modern Marvels "Money"		Modern Marvels		Nostradamus Effect		Lock N' Load		Bible Code II: Apocalypse		Modern Marvels		Nostradamus Effect		Lock N' Load	
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Medium		Medium		Project Runway		Project Runway		Models	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Grey's Anatomy		Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		The Gangster Chronicles				Lockup	
MTV	2009 MTV Video Music Awards From New York City.				Pranked	Pranked	Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	★★★ "V for Vendetta" (2006, Action) Natalie Portman, Hugo Weaving. Premiere.						2009 MTV Video Music Awards From New York City.			
NICK	iCarly	Jackson	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Troop	The Troop	The Troop	Penguins	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	The Nanny	The Nanny	Malcolm	Glenn Martin	Lopez	Lopez	Hates Chris	Hates Chris
OXY	★★ "Phat Girlz" (2006, Comedy) Mo'Nique.				★★ "Love Don't Cost a Thing" (2003) Nick Cannon.				★★ "Phat Girlz" (2006, Comedy) Mo'Nique.				The Tyra Banks Show		The Tyra Banks Show		Living Single	Living Single
PCN	PCN Tours		High School Football Lancaster Catholic vs. Manheim Central. (Live)						PCN Evening - pcntv.com				PCN Tours		PCN Profiles		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Pittsburgh Now		News	PCNC News	NightTalk: Get to the Point		PCNC News		NightTalk		Pittsburgh	Fedko Fone	PCNC News	PCNC News		Paid Prog.	NightTalk	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		★★★ "Hot Shots!" (1991) Charlie Sheen. Premiere.				UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		NRL Rugby Teams TBA. (Same-day Tape)				Talking Monkeys in Space		MANswers	MANswers
SYFY	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Enterprise		Eureka "Have an Ice Day"		Eureka (Season Finale) (N)		Warehouse 13		Eureka		Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis "Sunday"		Stargate SG-1	
TBS	Raymond	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	★★ "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" (PA)				Sex and-City	Sex and-City	★★ "28 Days" (2000, Comedy-Drama) Sandra Bullock.				Bloopers 4	Steve Harvey
TCM	★★ "Strange Cargo" (1940) Joan Crawford.				★★★ "Carmen Jones" (1954) Dorothy Dandridge.				★★★ "Buck and the Preacher" (1972) Sidney Poitier.				★★★ "The Angel Levine" (1970) Zero Mostel.				"Faster Pussycat"	
TLC	What Not to Wear "Addie"		What Not to Wear "Cheri"		Making Over America		Dress	Dress	Masters of Reception (N)		Dress	Dress	Masters of Reception		Making Over America		What Not to Wear "Cheri"	
TNT	Bones		CSI: NY "The Lying Game"		CSI: NY		★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones.				(10:50) ★★★ "True Lies" (1994) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis.						(1:50) "Men in Black"	
TOON	Teen Titans	"Teen Titans: Trouble in Tokyo" (2006)			Star Wars	Ben 10	Dude	Destroy	King of Hill	King of Hill	Chicken	Amer Dad	The Office	Metal	The Oblongs	Frisky Dingo	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Hawaii Do's and Don'ts		Bridget's Sexiest Beaches		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		Mysterious Journeys		Most Haunted USA		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost Adventures		Mysterious Journeys	
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Power, Privilege & Justice		Forensic	Forensic	World's Wildest		Forensic	Forensic	Power, Privilege & Justice	
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Married...	Married...	★★ "The Bodyguard" (1992, Drama) Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston.					Roseanne	Roseanne		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	NCIS "About Face"		NCIS "Bloodbath"		NCIS "Jeopardy"		Monk (N)		Psych (N)		Law Order: CI		Monk		Psych		Action Sports (N)	
VH1	My Antonio Hula love story.		VH1 Divas				Behind the Music "Pink"		Real Chance of Love		Eddie Griffin	TO Show	Storytellers Pearl Jam.		Tool Academy		Behind the Music	
VS.	IndyCar Racing: Qualifying		Dangerous	North-Alaska	Whitetail	Bucks	Buck Stops	Monster	Tred Barta	IndyCar Racing Indy Japan 300. From Motegi, Japan. (Live)					Tred Barta	Huntley Way	Dangerous	North-Alaska
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		★★ "Serendipity" (2001) John Cusack, Molly Shannon.				Bridezillas		Amazing Wedding Cakes		Bridezillas		★★★ "Kate & Leopold" (2001) Meg Ryan.			
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		★★★ "Ransom" (1996, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Rene Russo.					NewsRadio	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	The Crush	★★★ "Hot Shots! Part Deux" (1993)			★★★ "Twister" (1996) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton.				★ "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton.					(:35) ★★ "Rapid Fire" (1992)			(:15) ★★★ "Sleepers"	
HBO	(5:30) ★★ "Vertical Limit" (2000)		In Brooklyn		Mayweather	Mayweather	Mayweather	Mayweather	Real Time With Bill Maher		Real Time With Bill Maher		(12:05) Hung	(:35) ★★ "The Kingdom" (2007) Jamie Foxx.			Real Sex	
MAX	(:05) ★★★ "Men of Honor" (2000) Robert De Niro.				(:15) ★★ "The Rocker" (2008) Rainn Wilson.				★★ "Boomerang" (1992, Comedy) Eddie Murphy.				Lingerie (N)	Co-Ed Conf.	Co-Ed Conf.	(:35) "The X-Files: I Want to Believe"		
SHOW	Inside the NFL (iTV)		★★★ "1408" (2007) John Cusack. iTV.				(:45) ★★ "The Mist" (2007) Thomas Jane, Marcia Gay Harden. iTV.				Boxing Tony Grano vs. Travis Kauffman.			Inside the NFL (iTV)		Angelo Tsarouchas: Bigger	Sex, Lies	
STARZ	★★ "Swing Vote" (2008, Comedy) Kevin Costner.				Crash 2		(:27) ★★ "Hancock" (2008) Will Smith.		Crash "You Set the Scene"		★★ "Next" (2007) Nicolas Cage.			(:40) Crash		(:35) ★★ "Sex Drive" (2008)		
TMC	Forbidden	(:25) ★★ "The Tesseract" (2003)			(:05) ★★ "The Hunting Party" (2007) Richard Gere.				★★ "War" (2007) Jet Li, Jason Statham.			(:45) ★★ "2 Days in Paris" (2007, Comedy) Julie Delpy.				(:25) "Shameless Co-eds"	The Hustle	

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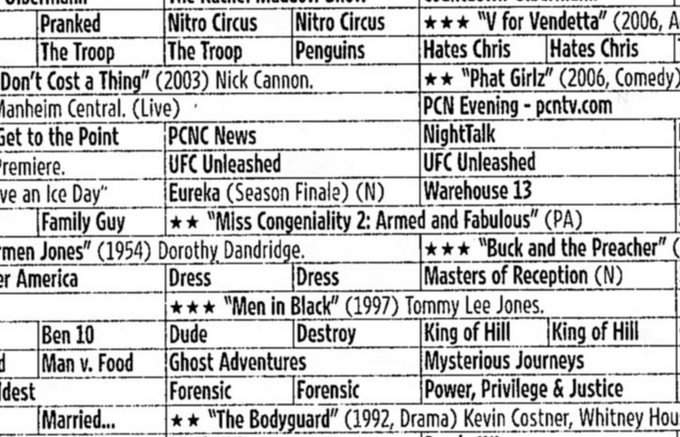

of new grads say benefits are their top priority in accepting a job.

Source: Yahoo! HotJobs college survey, May 2007

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FEATURES

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Motorcycle riders and classic car enthusiasts who want to take part in the fourth annual Fallen Marine Memorial Run should meet 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Molinar's on Route 51 in Forward Township. The group will ride to Dingbats at the Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills near Tarentum, where registration will begin 10 a.m. The ride, which begins at noon, comprises a trip to Station Square in Pittsburgh and back to honor Marines who have given their lives in service to America. The event will include live entertainment and a classic car cruise.

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The annual St. Spyridon Greek Food Festival opens today at the Hellenic Center in Monessen. It will be open until 10 p.m. tonight, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The menu will comprise traditional Greek food, including St. Spyridon's famous gyro and pastries. Live Greek-American music will be presented tonight and Saturday evening. Preparing, back from left, are K.C. Bagiatis, Helen Kordistos, Joanie Hamel and Bill Leogas; and front, Angie Sterdis, Mary Calderoni and Tommie Kosko.

Cal U plans Family Day

California University of Pennsylvania will sponsor its 31st annual Family Day on Sept. 26.

The event gives families chances to visit the campus and view the university experience.

Registration begins 8 a.m. in the Natali Student Center lobby. Available there will be event tickets, free T-shirts and free continental breakfast.

Brunch will be available 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Gold Rush Room at the Student Center.

At 11 a.m. Cal U President Angelo Armenti Jr. will rededicate the Herron Recreation and Fitness Center. The event will include refreshments and tours.

The 18,000-square-foot addition project includes 5,000 pounds of free weights, along with cardiovascular equipment and workout machines. A 33-foot-tall indoor climbing obelisk and a second-floor walking and running track have been installed.

Additional activities will be held at Herron, Natali Student Center, Manderino Library and Roadman Park.

The Cal U men's soccer team will play Bloomsburg University at noon at Roadman Park.

On the lower campus, student ambassadors will lead tours, and the university choir will perform 12:30 p.m. at the Emeriti Faculty Fountain.

The day will include tours of the radio, television and newspaper centers. In addition to a free movie, the Kid Zone will provide games, entertainment and face painting.

The Cal U bookstore will features 20 percent discounts on some merchandise from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m.

The Office of Alumni Relations will sponsor a tailgate party, music, raffles and giveaways 1 p.m. at the VulcanHuddle Tent.

The Vulcans football team will play PSAC-West rival Clarion University of Pennsylvania 3 p.m. at Adamson Stadium.

For a schedule of Family Day 2009 events, visit http://sai.calu.edu/family_day/2009/ or call Paul Fazio at (724) 938-4553.

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★ Meatloaf
★ Spaghetti & Meatballs
★ Meat Stuffed Shells
★ Chicken Salad

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CALENDAR WATCH

Saturday

■ Star Junction Fish and Game Club gun and cash bash, Perryopolis Auto Auction, 6 to 10 p.m.

■ Hidden Treasure flea market, to benefit Monongahela Woman's Club, Peno's Plaza, Park Ave., Monongahela, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Family Field Day, California University of Pennsylvania Frich Biology Building, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

■ Flea market and bake sale, Liberty Tower Highrise, 520 Liberty St., California, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Monongahela High School Class of 1948 luncheon, Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township, 1 p.m.

■ Greater Monessen Historical Society accepts loaned or donated military items for autumn exhibit, 505 Donner Ave., 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

■ VeggieTale movie "Minnesota Cuke and the Search for Noah's Umbrella," Bible Fellowship Community Church, West Newton, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

■ Rostraver Township Lions Club chicken barbecue, Rostraver Shopping Center, 11 a.m. to sellout.

■ Mel Walker speaks at Calvary Bible Church, 990 Fourth St. Ext., North Charleroi, 6 p.m. service.

■ Increasing College/Community Monies chicken, rib, pork chop dinner, Holiday Bar and Grille, Monessen, noon; DJ Funkster, 9 p.m.

■ Rummage sale, United Christian Church, Malden Crossroads, California, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Churches United for Change parade set

Churches United for Change will sponsor a parade 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Charleroi. Participants will meet at Eighth Street. Bring a sign or banner with your church's name on it, if possible. All churches are welcome to march.

Rachel's Challenge event coming to Charleroi Area

A free Rachel's Challenge program will take place 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Charleroi Area High School auditorium. The jazz band will perform 6:20 p.m. and the elementary band and choir will perform 6:45 p.m. Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School April 20, 1991. A program based on kindness and compassion, coupled with the contents of her six diaries has been developed into a program for school children.

California Area Class of 1969 plans reunion

The California Area High School Class of 1969 reunion is set Oct. 3. Last minute reservations can be made by calling Connie McKito Safin at (724) 938-8121.

PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Form, function achieved

It doesn't matter if you're talking automobiles or alarm clocks, a classic is defined as some ideal combination of form and function.

A hall tree – with its practical, attractive combination of storage and seating within a small footprint – is a great example of classic American furniture design.

This do-it-yourself version makes a handsome addition to any home.

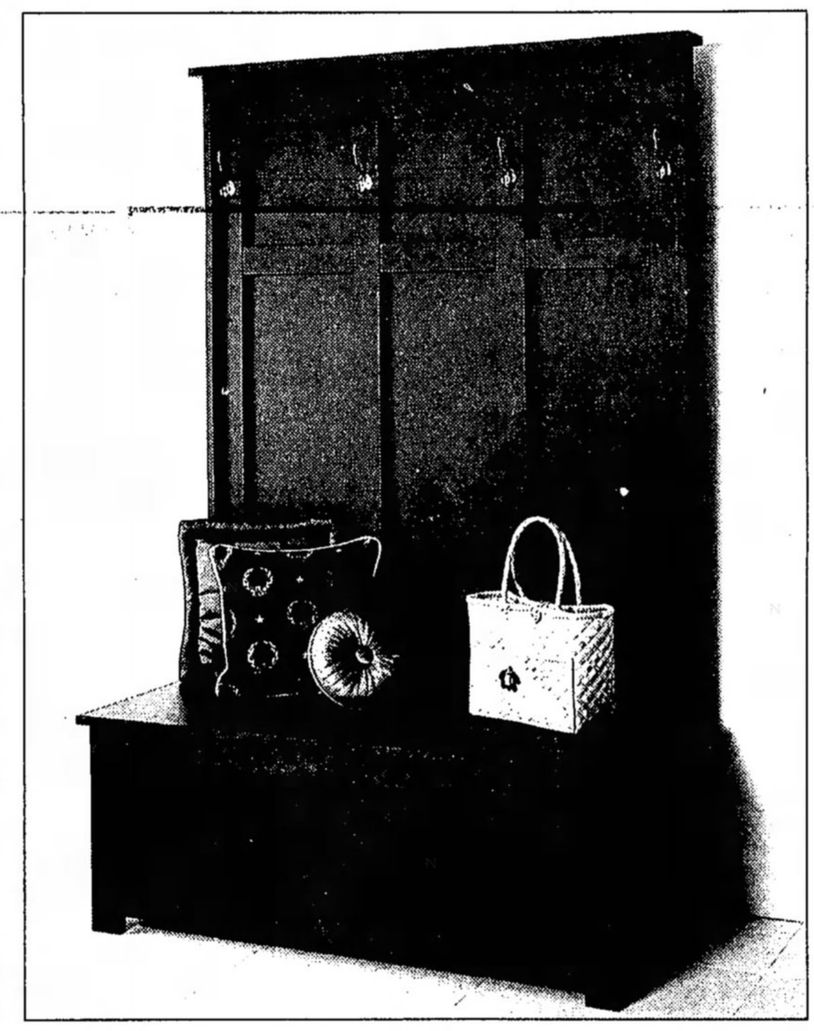
Perfect for the entry, living room or even the dining room, the project features a convenient place to hang coats, hats and umbrellas over a generously sized storage bench.

Easy and inexpensive to build, the hall tree calls for standard lumber and plywood (poplar and birch as pictured, but other species will work).

All the cuts are straight, so construction is simple. Just cut the pieces to size, sand and assemble using glue and nails.

Once the project is assembled, apply your finish of choice, install the seat and add coat hooks. The hall tree measures about 70 inches tall by 45 inches wide by 21 inches deep.

The Hall Tree plan, No. 934, is $10.95 and includes step-by-step instructions with photos, full-size traceable patterns, construction diagrams, a materials list and cutting schedule, a plywood cutting layout and a toll-free help line for project questions.



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Monongahela AARP

Nineteen former Monongahela AARP members and guest Lorraine Pascarella met 1 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Olive Garden for dining and fellowship.

Michael Daube presented a table blessing.

John Coulter won the photo identification contest. Other participants were: Elizabeth Ann Caldwell, Marion Davies, Mary Borsani, Daube, Rose Sakas, Thelma Bartolini, Charlotte Dickie, Junelda Kirby and George Diehl.

Joseph Acton will make arrangements for the next social, to take place 1 p.m. Nov. 13 at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Rostraver Township.

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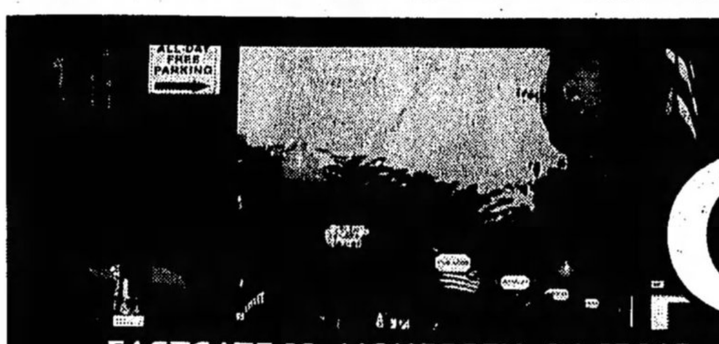

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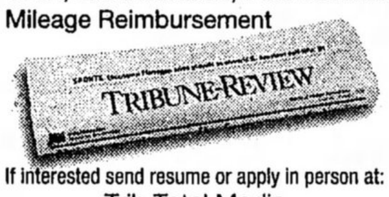

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GARAGE SALES

5310/GARAGE/YARD SALES

BELLE VERNON Garage/Moving Sale Sat., Sept. 19, 8am-3pm. 20 Franklin Dr.

BELLE VERNON- 4071 State Rt. 51S. Multi Family Yard Sale. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 19 & 20, 9-5pm. Toys, clothes, some furniture & electronics. Rain or shine.

BELLE VERNON- 1129 Fayette Ave. Sat, Sept. 19, 9-3pm. A Little Bit of Everyone.

CALIFORNIA Estate Sale, Apt. 309 Liberty Towers, 520 Liberty St. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 19 & 20, 8-8pm. Doors will open Fri. at 10am

CARROLL TWP.- 71 Donora Rd. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 19 & 20, 10-3pm. Mini fridge, Beanies, bar signs, old records.

CARROLL TWP.- 185 Rt. 837, Fisher Hghts. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 19 & 20, 8-3. Mini motorcycles, Coke machines, more.

CHARLEROI- 511 8th St. Fri., Sat. & Sun., Sept. 18, 19 & 20, 9am-? Weather permitting.

MONESSEN Sat., Sept. 19, 9-2. 1028 Wilson St. New items, baby items, too much to list, large sale.

MONONGAHELA Sat., Sept. 19, 8am-2pm. 37 Hoon St. Household items, books, Thomas Trains.

MONONGAHELA Yard Sale. 204 Second Ave. Sat., Sept. 19, 8-3pm. Something for everyone.

MONONGAHELA- 141 Adams St. Sat., Sept. 19, 7am-3pm. Sporting goods, Boyds, kid's stuff, household items.

MONONGAHELA Sat., Sept. 19, 8-2. Peno's Plaza, Park Ave. Multi sellers, refreshments. Benefits Monongahela Women's Club.

N.CHARLEROI- 609½ 4th St. Rear. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 19 & 20, 10-5. New toys ½ off, tools, misc. All must go.

NEW EAGLE- 152 Main St. Sat., Sept. 19, 9-2. Lots of stuff. Cheap. Something for everyone.

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ROSTRAVER- near Cedar Creek Park. Fri. & Sat., Sept. 18 & 19, 8-3pm. Multi Family Sale. Must Sell All.

ROSTRAVER- 739 Vernon Dr., off Rt. 51. Sat., Sept. 19, 8-3pm. Large Sale.

ROSTRAVER- 310 Todd Farm Rd. (Todd Manor) Sat., Sept. 19, 8-3pm. Name brand clothing, variety of other items.

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6080/AUTOS FOR SALE

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3065/FOR SALE/WMLD.

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3066/FOR SALE/OTHER

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4100/PERSONALS

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Your Birthday
SATURAY, SEPT. 19, 2009

VIRGO
August 23 through September 22

Your possibilities of generating a stronger position in the workaday world are exceptionally good. However, a tendency on your part to be a bit too extravagant is equally strong. Don't lose what you gain.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Among the numerous things you could do, unfortunately, you're likely to select the most expensive one. If you can afford it, fine. But if not, you'll live with an empty wallet all next week.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Coming on too strong in an attempt to advance an ambitious or important self-interest could negate any cooperation you're likely to receive from associates or co-workers. Be amicable, not aggressive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- It's good to be self-sufficient and operate independently when others are not involved in your duties. But if associates are involved, you'll have trouble if you don't respect their input and work collectively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- It might be nice to have a partner in an expensive endeavor, but if one can't match what you have to offer, you would be a fool to join as an equal partner. It will mean trouble down the line.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't naively think that all your contemporaries are happy to see you succeed. If a poor loser is among them, this person is likely to try to trip you up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- In order to save a little money, you could take on a job way beyond your talents and expertise. Hiring someone equally inept will only make matters worse. It'll be double trouble.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Subdue inclinations to take financial risks, regardless of how good another person makes it look. If it is merely a facade to rip people off, the results could be devastating.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Should your mate or another family member seem a bit cantankerous and difficult, don't attempt to emulate his or her behavior in return. You could start a war among the clan.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A lack of concentration could cause serious problems as you work on some important jobs. If you're working with unfamiliar tools or materials, be extra careful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- It's not unusual for you, at times, to run the gamut from prudence to extravagance, and you could be favoring the latter at this time. Unfortunately, you could end up broke.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- If someone decides to investigate, this person is likely to find that you are stirring the waters and causing household conditions to be anything but placid. It's all a matter of attitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Many times, it is difficult to be honest about things and accept the fact that we might be the one causing trouble. Just remember: If this is the case for you, it will boomerang.

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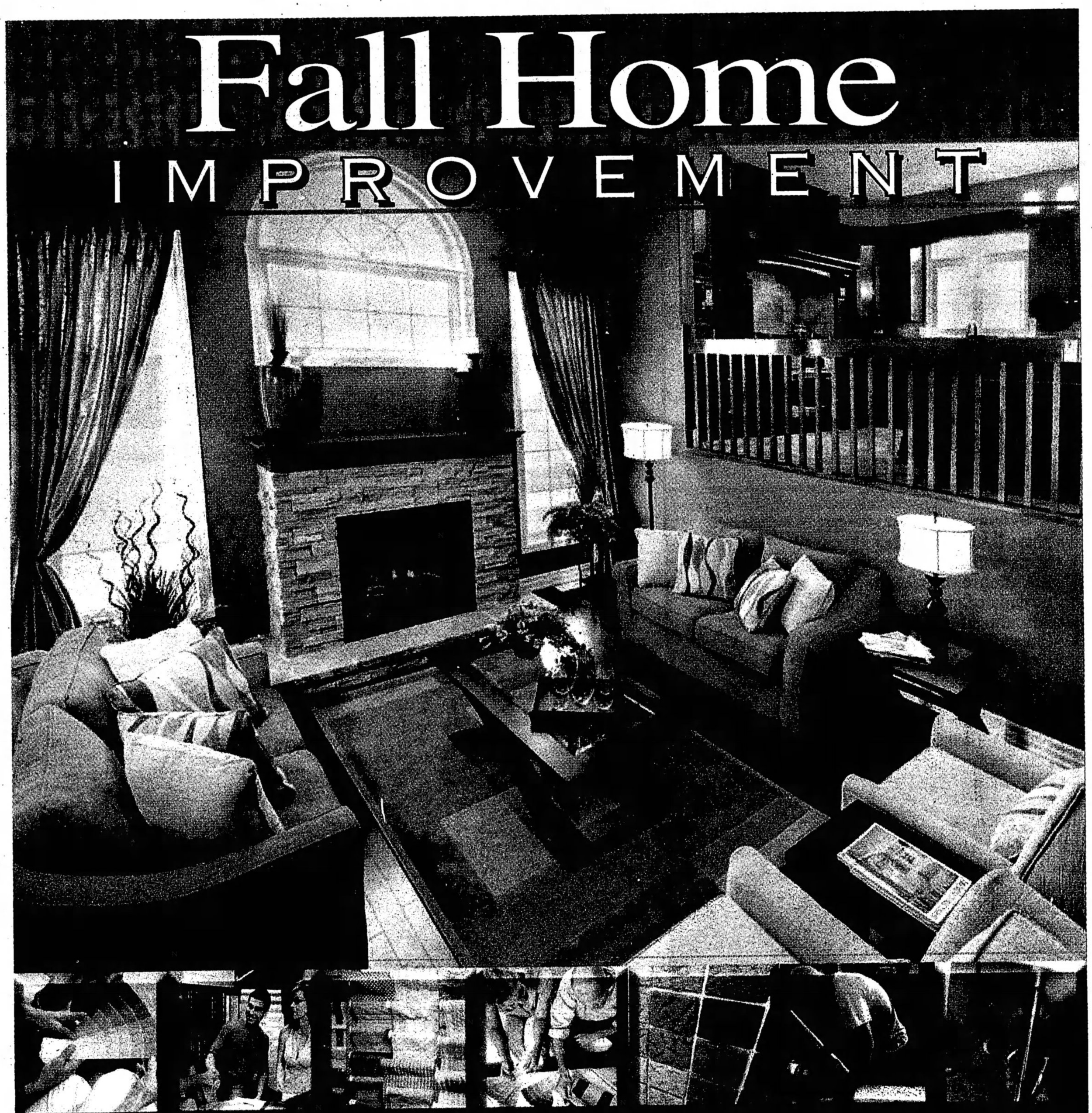

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Stylish, sustainable fall interior design ideas

(ARA) — When you think of the colors associated with fall, green doesn't necessarily come to mind.

Environmentally speaking, however, it should. There's no better time than now to lessen your home's impact on the environment and change the way you decorate and live. So, why not go green this fall? It's not nearly as difficult to become earth-friendly as you might think.

"From products that contribute to good indoor air quality to ones that truly reflect the 'reduce, reuse, recycle' mantra, the number of affordable green interior decorating products has literally exploded within the past five years," says Donna Schroeder, Dutch Boy color marketing and design manager.

These days, you can find stylish, eco-friendly design elements for every room in the house. And, contrary to popular belief, going green doesn't mean you have to sacrifice style for sustainability. The two can coexist quite effortlessly.

You can start simple by dressing your bed in luxurious sheets, throws and comforters made from fabrics such as rich, renewable bamboo or soft, organic cotton. Cover your floors with formaldehyde-free carpets constructed of recycled fibers or select a natural material, like stone, slate or even concrete. Then, hang energy-efficient window treatments with high insulation and shading properties.

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Environmental concerns are factoring into fall decorating trends.

Don't stop there. Spice up your tired sofa with a design-forward slipcover and throw pillows crafted from 100 percent recycled materials. Add bright recycled glass plates and serving pieces to your china cabinet.

Buy furniture made from sustainably harvested wood or, better yet, visit local secondhand shops and repurpose. Or, look around your own home and see what you already have that can be adapted for a new use. You'd be surprised what a little creativity and some good old-fashioned elbow grease can do.

If you're looking to add bold, fun color, paint fits perfectly into this overall green scheme. It's an inexpensive, effective and, most importantly, environmentally-minded way to change the look and feel of an entire room. Many paint manufacturers now offer coatings that contain few, if any, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), or vapors that are released from paint as it dries.

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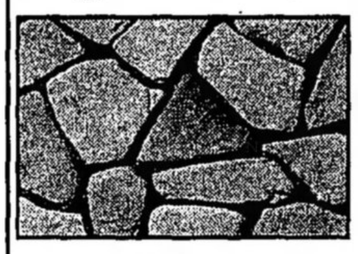

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Fall decor blends rustic charm, homespun elegance

(ARA) — The air is becoming crisp, colors are changing and cozy sweaters are starting to make their way back into your wardrobe's rotation. Autumn has arrived, and its natural beauty shines radiantly to warm the heart and inspire fresh crafting ideas.

"This fall season, warm colors, rich textures and creative details stand out," says Susan Atchison, manager of trend development for Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores. "Interest in homemade crafts and do-it-yourself decorating projects has never been stronger."

Clever crafts can help to create an autumn atmosphere that is simply elegant or pure fun for the family. When thinking about your fall DIY projects, try some of these ideas to capture your creative spirit when decorating your home or planning your next festive get-together:

1. Fabulous fall decor with versatility and value

Start by decorating your table with exceptionally affordable wool felt. Available in plenty of mix-and-match autumn colors, felt can be sewn, glued, colored or cut – the sky is the limit.

One easy option that provides a beautiful visual presentation is to cut out shapes on a felt cloth. For example, draw scattered maple leaves all over two different colors of felt and cut out the pieces. Layer the two felt squares together on your table for a windblown, just-fallen look.

What to do with the felt leaves you just cut out? Create a harvest-themed wreath with a classic yet contemporary look. Decorate an18-inch grapevine wreath with miniature lights, felt leaves and any other favorite fall items you have around your house or yard.

2. Classic adornments with surprising details

Need a great fall centerpiece? Rethink the classic pumpkin and try decorating with unique embellishments. For a beautiful fall-themed pumpkin, choose gold-toned wire and bend to create fun leaves and vines, attaching to the pumpkin's top. If you're looking for a Halloween theme, decorate the face of the pumpkin with masks and feathers to create different characters like a witch, owl or masquerader.

One way to save money and create a cherished piece of decor you can use year after year is to decorate a reusable pumpkin like Fun-Kins. These light artificial pumpkins are easy to work with and sure to become wonderful works of art.

3. Fall food made fantastically fun

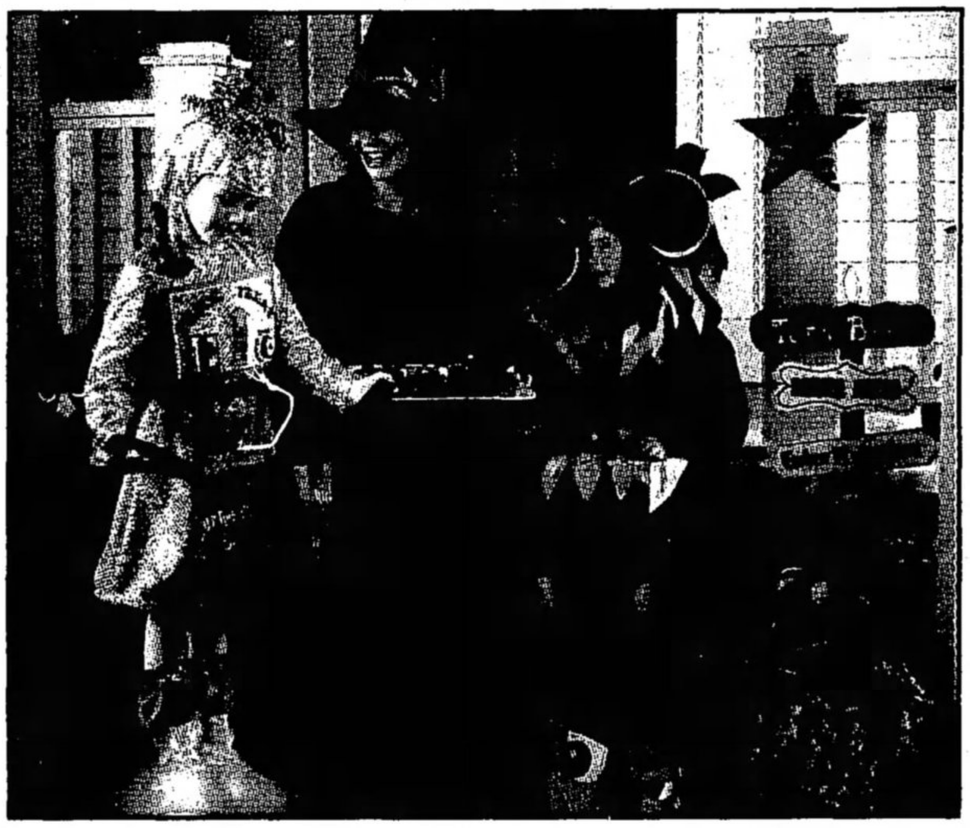
Food is a must at any fall gathering. When the temperature cools, many of us are turning on our ovens to bake delightful must-taste treats. Rich and decadent brownies are tantalizing no matter what, but how about taking them a step further? Serve them kabob-style with marshmallows, fruit and a drizzle of icing to make them irresistible. Arrange on a tray for a beautiful presentation and watch them disappear in minutes.

If you're looking for a dessert with a theme, use uniquely shaped silicone baking pans. Try baking brownies in a jack-o'-lantern muffin pan. After they cool, pop them out, turn over and decorate their faces.

4. Double your fun with homemade costumes

If a costume party is in your future, you'll need something fun that stands out. The homemade costume is officially back and allows your creativity to shine. Brainstorm with your child to figure out what you both want to be for Halloween and then hit up a craft store to get the necessary supplies. What's the newest trend for costumes? Two-in-one options that have the ability to quickly convert from one character to the next.

For example, a sparkling dress can serve as the base for both an astronaut and a robot. With simple accessories and removable changes, your little girl can attend one party as a robot and then zoom off to another as an astronaut. Plus this is a fun alternative to traditional girls' costumes without losing the glitz. Reversible options also work for double-duty costumes. For example, try keeping one side of a cape black so you can be a witch and the other side gold. Add a feathered boa and you can become a queen in an instant.



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Fast fixups for bland walls

(ARA) — When the weather cools and the bright sun of summer fades into autumn's grayer skies, bare bland walls can feel like an ugly mark on your home's decor. Suddenly, those undecorated walls that you were too busy to notice this past summer cry out for color and pizzazz — especially if you're dealing with economy-induced stress.

"Fall is a great time to redecorate because as the weather cools people start heading indoors again," says Jonathon Fong, a Los Angeles-based interior decorator and author of "Walls that Wow." "Home is more important again whereas summer was all about the outdoors. We want to make our homes comfortable, cozy and beautiful again. And when we decorate during the fall, we can show off our efforts at the holidays."

So what are the hot trends and easy do-it-yourself decorating upgrades that will be hot this fall? Fong and artist Matthew Lew offer a few tips:

Bright, aggressive color

"The hot colors in home decor this fall will be brighter, happier versions of traditional fall hues — butter yellow, orange, persimmon and all shades of blues," predicts Fong. "These are colors of optimism, and in the current economy, people want to be surrounded by hope. These happy colors put you in a good mood."

"The hottest colors for room redesigns this fall will be aggressive color combos, using colors like scandal red or lobster paired with yolk yellow or custard," says Lew, whose work has been featured on "Extreme Makeover Home Edition," HGTV's "Divine Design" and CBS's "The Early Show."

"People want a splash of color in their homes," Lew adds. "The aggressive color combinations are great because they can make a bold statement very simply without overdoing it. I think people are attracted to that, especially with the economy right now."

Texture that's easy to achieve

Adding texture to a wall is another trend, especially if it's a simple texture — such as stripes — that homeowners feel confident doing themselves, Fong says. Patterns, vinyl lettering or decals, and even wallpaper murals are great ways to add interest to boring walls.

Both designers agree wallpaper murals will continue to be popular, both for their versatility and ease installation by DIY homeowners. Fong has incorporated wallpaper murals from the Web site www.MuralsYourWay.com into his designs, and Lew's artistry is featured on several of the site's made-to-order wallpaper murals.

"Wallpaper murals are one of my favorite design options because they make a huge impact in a room at an affordable price," Fong says. "If you were to have a decorative painter replicate some of the great designs available in wallpaper murals, it would cost thousands of dollars."

If you're intimidated by the idea of a mural, you can start out smaller by adding wallpaper murals elsewhere in your decor, Fong suggests. "Cut the mural into smaller pieces and frame the individual pieces. Put it on a door. Mount it to a piece of wood and make a headboard or a dressing screen out of it," he says.

Finally, when you're ready for your fall design spruce up, Lew and Fong have a few tips for creating a design you can love:

■ "Think baby steps," Fong says. Decorate a small wall or section of a large wall first. Give yourself a day to get used to your new wall.

■ Consider your favorite colors and how you can use them to make your design "say what you want it to say," Lew suggests.

■ Go beyond paint and texture. Try fabric, paper and metal, Fong urges. Get creative, but don't forget simple tricks too. "Sometimes the simplest thing is a mirror," Lew says. "It opens up the entire room and brings in light."

■ Keep it real. "Look at your wall's dimensions and be realistic," Lew says. "Sometimes having the entire wall covered is too overpowering and a smaller scale would look better. For example, you might want to use part of the wall as a mural and then paint the other portions a similar color."

■ "No matter how it turns out in the end," Fong says, "say you meant it to look that way."

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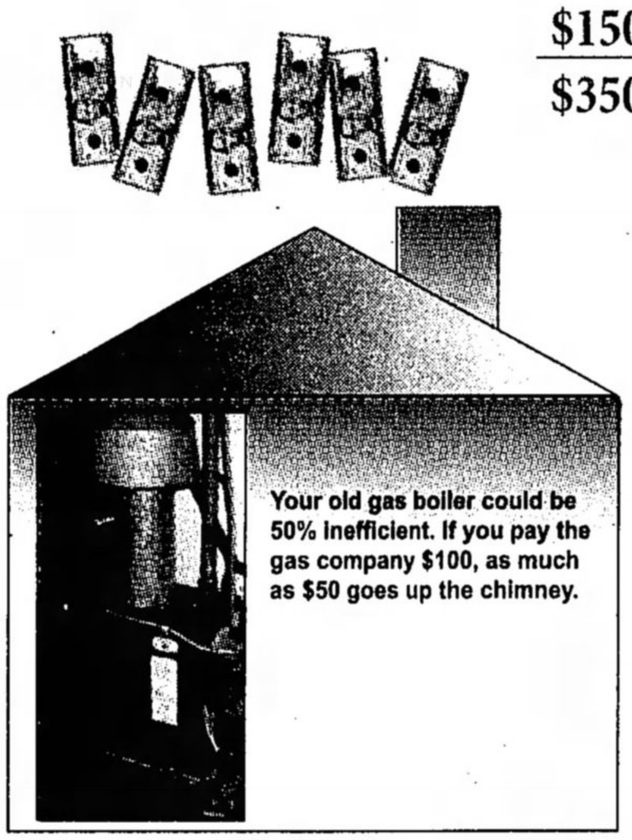

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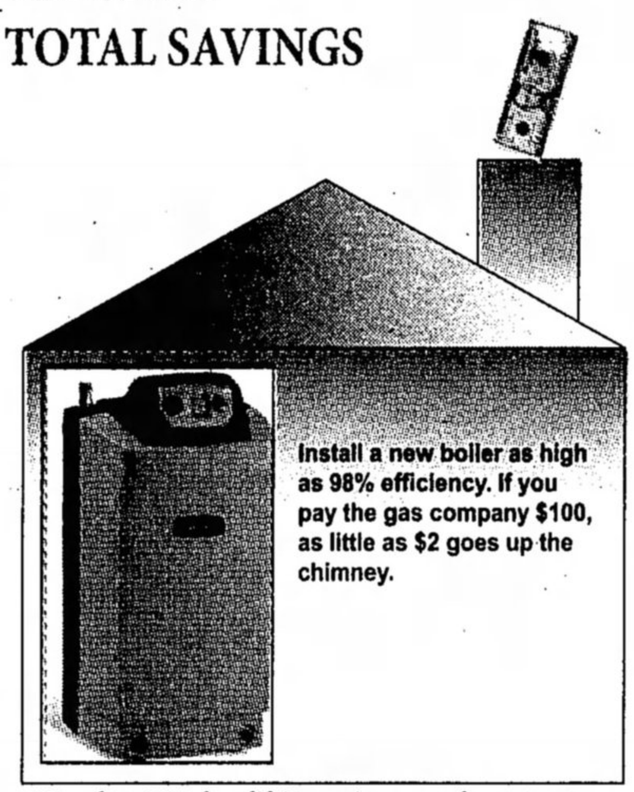

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Kitchen transition: Make your plan look great

(ARA) — More homeowners are merging living and family spaces with the kitchen in an open floor plan.

This kind of floor plan is not only family-friendly and perfect for entertaining, it will actually sell better if you ever decide to put your home on the market.

An open floor plan makes your space seem bigger and more up to date. However, rooms with competing decor, such as a contemporary family room versus a traditionally styled kitchen, can make blending the space difficult.

The best way to make an open floor plan a success is to create a seamless transition from the kitchen to the other living spaces.

"A homeowner can bring family spaces and the kitchen together by blending design periods to create a unique style," says Connie Edwards, certified kitchen and bathroom designer and director of design for American Woodmark cabinetry. "There are ways to thoughtfully combine traditional and contemporary elements. The end result is a very warm, casual, comfortable feeling – with an air of sophistication that flows throughout the home."

Edwards offers some useful tips on creating a harmonious open floor plan:

■ Incorporate small contemporary touches that make a big impact, such as a stainless steel range hood and a glass mosaic tile backsplash. Just make sure that the colors and textures are compatible with each other and the adjoining room.

■ Select a cabinet door in a rich brown finish that complements living and dining room furniture.

■ Display contemporary decorative objects on open shelving in the kitchen island. Selecting objects that complement the decor of the adjoining room is a subtle way to make the kitchen flow nicely with the open space.

■ Consider a farmhouse sink that has been redesigned with a contemporary finish, such as stainless steel. Stainless steel acts as a neutral, so it will not detract from more elaborate home decorations.

To create that perfect open space, you'll want to work with a designer at your local home center to help the remodeling process run smoothly — from product decision-making to installation.

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Mix, don't match wood textures and colors

(ARA) — Still worrying about what goes with what when you're decorating? Design style leaders nix the matching — "too boring" — in favor of mixing colors, wood grains, stains and textures throughout a room.

"Consumers think everything has to match, but the pros mix," says Laura Dalzell, owner and president of Cabinets & Designs, Inc. in Lexington, Kenn. She's a firm believer in combining, – for example painted wood cabinets with cabinets in both natural wood tones and a wide range of colored stains. Mixing is the magic that brings a kitchen to life, she believes. "Different finishes create the 'furniture look' that's been the trend in kitchens for the last decade or so."

Across the country, California designer Debbie Nassetta nods in agreement from her desk at RoomScapes Inc., a top design firm in Laguna Niguel. Nassetta likes contrast. "If you have dark cabinets, make the floor lighter. With light cabinets, go the other way around," she advises. Her own home kitchen features cabinets in three different colors: stained cherry on one wall and the work island with the rest painted cream. Plus, there's a piece de resistance, a large armoire she painted black to make it stand out in the crowd.

At The Kitchen Source in Dallas, designer Alison Gillespie also praises contrasting colors. "We do our best not to match cabinets and floors." Alison advocates a mix of different species of woods. For example, a hand-scraped oak floor with maple cabinets in an opaque finish.

From New Orleans and Cabinets By Design, Inc., designer Christina Sheets confirms. "Down here wood species don't matter." Given The Big Easy's penchant for preserving old things, many homeowners refinish rather than replace their vintage hardwood floors, Sheets explains. The floors are then stained to complement — not match – new hardwood cabinets.

"We also like to mix cabinets in the same kitchen," she says. "The idea is to create visual contrast between the work island and the perimeter cabinets. Locally, popular mixes include cherry and cypress for cabinets, and butcher block on the work island.

"If the perimeter cabinets differ from the work island, we might put the same countertop material on both," Sheets says. "But if the cabinets are alike, we'd use different countertops for contrast, say, granite and butcher block."

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Sometimes it takes a professional designer to elicit from the client his or her true preferences.

Part psychologist, part designer, a professional draws from a client hidden aspects of personality that they didn't even know existed. A designer might show many pictures of numerous styles to clients, seeing which one they respond to most positively.

When you drill down to the core of a person — all truth will then flow. Since all decisions will emanate from one true source — the real you — consistency will naturally follow. And as long as there's an essential consistent theme, most designers agree, you will have a successful result.

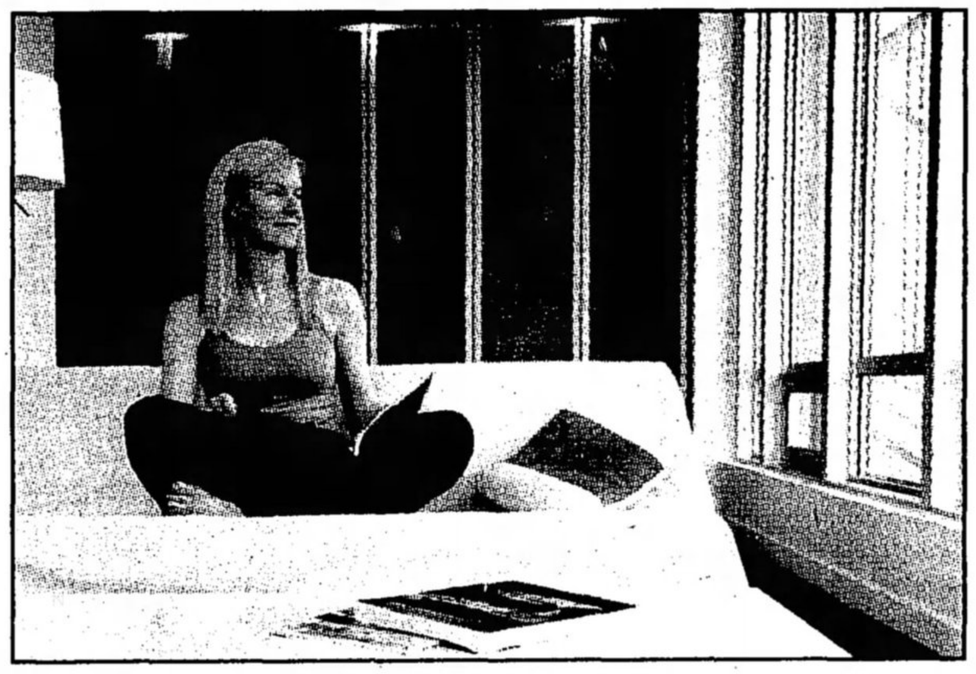
"The most successful interiors are those with an underlying structure and theme. A common theme brings order," says James Evanson, Interior Design instructor at The Art Institute of New York City. "People collect things with no order. A professional designer can help focus ideas. Remember you shouldn't have anything in your home that is neither beautiful nor practical. If the object fits neither category, perhaps you should rethink your approach."

Gina Carlson, Interior Design Academic Director at The Art Institutes International Minnesota, agrees. "Too many people don't plan their living space," she says. She advises that clients ask themselves, "Does this enhance my life? What am I trying to accomplish in this space? What do I want to change in my life? Do I need more space for cooking? Do I want a place to work from home?"

She says the principles of Feng Shui can bring these ideas to fruition. "Through Feng Shui analysis we can determine what colors and what kind of environment is unique to each person, supporting them in their lifestyle and goals."

Whatever the ultimate design philosophy, a good starting point is with the ancient Greeks who are credited with the maxim, know thyself.

They understood that getting to know one's true self is a lifelong journey, relevant to all aspects of living, with both spiritual and everyday applications.



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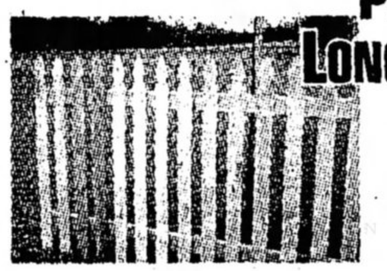

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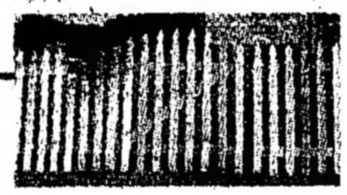

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Nature's bounty inspires fall interiors

(ARA) — The warm tones of the autumn harvest provide an inspiring palette for home decor by bringing seasonal beauty in from the fields. This transforms your indoor haven from one resonating light summer frivolity to something a little richer with more depth.

Fall thrives on all things rustic and natural – so it's no wonder that a home enhanced by a backdrop of deep brown, gold, green and purple reflects the season's warmth. Nothing says fall more definitively than a cozy room designed in a diverse palette of warm, nature-inspired hues.

"A fall-based color palette offers some of the most enticing and exciting variety of colors to work with," says Donna Schroeder, color marketing and design manager for Martin-Senour Paints. "It's truly an unexpected integration of color, and each shade adds depth and character that you'll appreciate as you ready your home for the cold winter months ahead."

Paint, in general, is a savvy, cost-effective way to transform your interior from the light, airy summer palette to autumn's bolder, warmer hues. A simple change of wall colors lends a completely different feel. For example, hues found in Martin-Senour's fall color palette include Goldenrod Gold, Truffles Brown, Pine Smoke and Cubicle Clay.

"These colors work together to create a unified feel within your home. Set off gold walls with rich wood furniture and patterned upholstery interweaving the season's rich truffle-based brown and clay tones. Or, let it pop by mixing it with a timeless neutral, such as this season's workhorse – gray," Schroeder says. "And don't stop with the walls. Consider using these paint hues to refresh tired furniture, too."

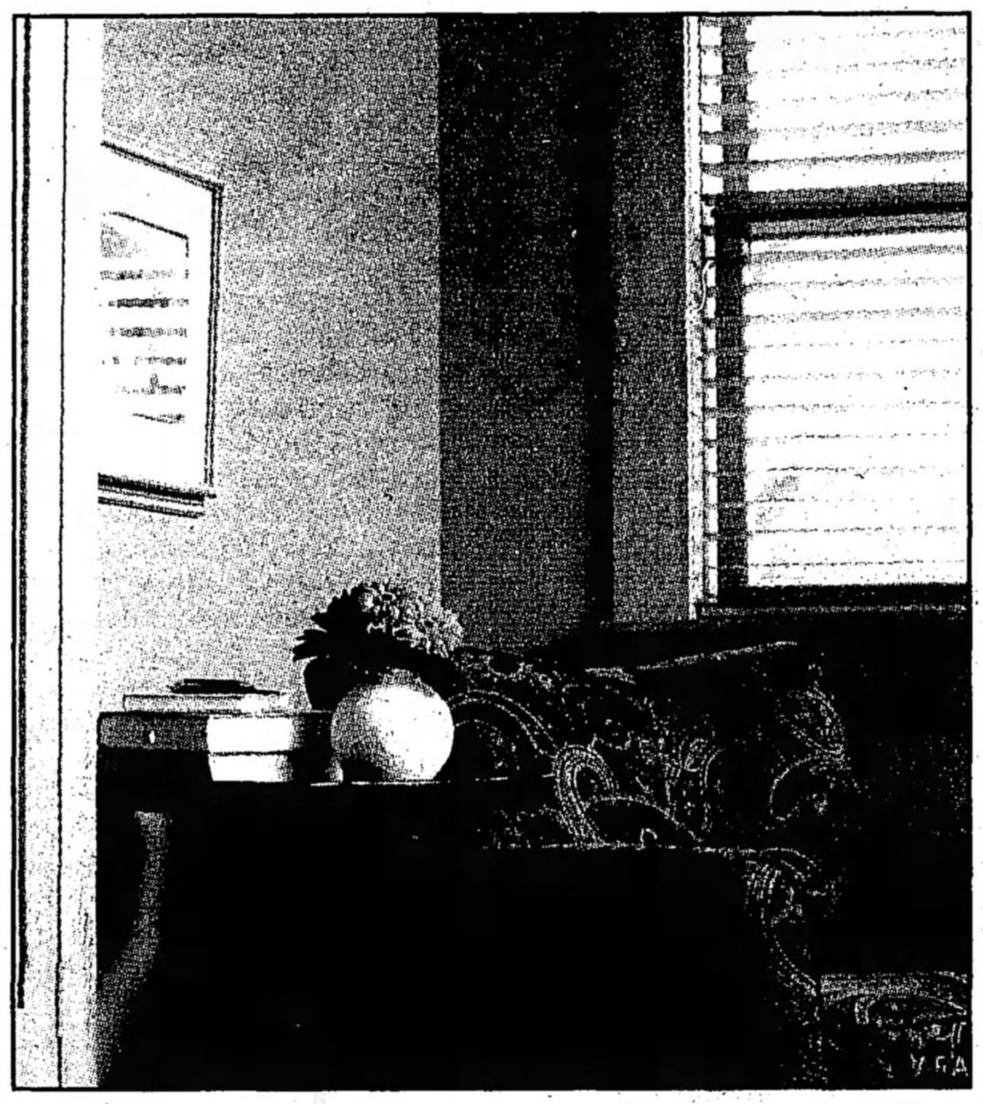
While the pairing of blue and brown remains popular, designers have mined a new combination of colors for fall interiors: green and brown. Blending nature's two most prevalent colors, this sophisticated, yet accessible, combination plays well in a variety of interior rooms and settings.

While color is critically important, don't forget, in any painting project true success lies in the initial legwork and the tools you use to get the job done. Make sure you properly prepare your walls before painting. You'll be glad you did.

Repair any holes or cracks, sanding the spackle smooth. Wash the walls to remove any debris or grime, then prime with a quality latex primer to provide the best possible canvas for your new palette.

The quality of tools you use also is important. A poorly constructed brush or roller cover can make a great color look terrible when it's applied. Selecting the right brush and roller is crucial. Cheap brushes can lose bristles and spread paint unevenly.

Armed with a palette of rich autumn-inspired hues, a high-quality wall paint, the right applicators and a sense of creativity, you'll easily be able to reinvigorate your home into a vibrant reflection of the harvest season. As Schroeder notes, "Paint truly is the perfect seasonal reinvention solution."



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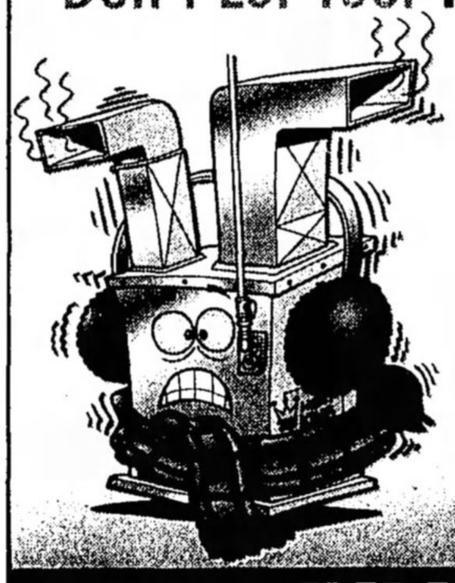

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